

Un-Housed Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

May 27, 2021

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

- Members Present: Councilmembers Carol Marques, Dion Bracco, Fred Tovar, City Administrator Jimmy Forbis, Captain Jason Smith, Program Administrator Maria De Leon and St. Joseph's Family Center Executive Director David Cox
- Welcome – UAHC Chair Carol Marques
- Discussed Safe Parking Program.
- Discussed Mobile Garbage Removal Service Program.
- Discussed potential RFP for a variety of homeless services for local service providers.
- St. Joseph's Family Center (SJFC) Executive Director, David Cox's presentation on Street Team Program
 - Program worker recruitment is mostly word of mouth and court system referrals.
 - SJFC pays \$10 per hour, to work 4 or 5 days a week, with work occurring usually during the morning hours.
 - Have focused/patterned/scheduled areas to clean (Downtown, First Street, Eighth Street, 10th Street & Parks). UAHC members encouraged David that the Street Team should work more in East Gilroy, by Safeway and Brownell School.
 - The Street Team workers walk throughout targeted areas. They don't have a van or vehicle to transport workers and cleaning supplies and equipment. A van is used to pick up the garbage not to transport workers.
 - A van designated specifically to this effort can greatly help expand garbage removal city wide.
 - Currently, once garbage is collected, it's hauled out in a van then disposed.
 - The Street Team is only focus on public benefit, not private benefit.
 - Street Team participants have a team lead and an agency Coordinator for one team, with 4 individuals per team.
 - Street Team workers are challenged, with limited capacities due to physical limitations.
 - Street Team workers are recruited through word of mouth, agency engagements (Hot Meal Program, Compassion Center, Armory promotion and networking with local service providers).
 - Street Team workers are also assessed for support, benefits and services needed.
 - SJFC receives approximately \$27,000 annually through CDBG or Housing Trust Fund.
 - Shared that there has been a tick down for program support services from the SJFC.
- Discussed Quality of Life Officer benefits to un-housed community
 - Support hiring 2 Quality of Life Officers (QLO)
 - QLO will develop relationships with local service providers

- Connect the un-housed to and partner with County and community agencies such as mental health, shelter, mobile crisis response, substance abuse services, county services, food insecurity, rent relief and other similar services.
 - Committing to additional funding designated specifically to mental health services.
- Support funding Pilot Safe Parking Program
- Next meeting date and logistics for June 24, meeting only once a month
- Meeting ended at 9:20am