

*Meeting Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020*

*Meeting Time: 2:30 p.m.*

*Meeting Location: Community Room (Lodi Police Department)*

*Attendees: 26 (includes residents, city council member, committee members, and city staff/contract staff)*

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Meeting Minutes:

Called Meeting to Order: 2:30 p.m.

Introductions

Accept minutes of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Project Reports:

- a. HEAP Update:
  - Staff presenting preliminary findings at January 15<sup>th</sup> CC meeting – additional environmental review needed: sound analysis and soil samples needed to determine if can mitigate at both sites.
  - CEQA/NEPA – two levels of review; CEQA - How project impacts land around it; NEPA - What are conditions on property
  - At next meeting LCOH will report on results and recommendation from the council
  - End of February/beginning March will go to council
- b. San Joaquin CoC
  - a. County-wide Regional Strategic Plan on Homelessness - outreach concluded. The plan draft should be ready around January 2020. Has short-term and long-term goals. Some items that may appear in plan: emergency long-term shelters recommending and improve section 8 vouchers. Section 8 Vouchers holders – there is a bad reputation however not always well-founded
  - b. February 4<sup>th</sup> is next meeting and will have preliminary document reviewed.
  - c. CoC will review governor's budget for upcoming funding and preparing for notices of funding availability.
  - d. Additional shelter beds in our communities appears to be common urgent need.
  - e. Supportive housing will be more long-term and will require more funds.
  - f. [www.sanjoaquinco.org](http://www.sanjoaquinco.org) – go to this website to gather more information
  - g. Example City: Raised funds to guarantee that if landlord had maintenance issues, that they could draw from funds to cover costs from Section 8 Tenant repairs. Interestingly, they ended up not using it. There is stigma and fear around Section 8 tenants.
  - h. City Police has started using HMIS to collect data
- c. Feed 500
  - a. Event to feed 500 people in the community; looking for nonprofits to determine eligibility and refer families; need places to store food; they already have funds for food; targeted to lower income; nonprofits will make recommendation for families to attend. Event is not targeted for homeless persons.

- b. March/April is estimated event date
- c. Looking for volunteers to serve food and for nonprofits to help with determining eligibility and providing referrals of families to the event.
- d. Low Barrier Shelter
  - a. New Low Barrier Shelter Tour in Modesto/Stanslaus
    - i. New shelter – full and has waiting list
    - ii. Guidelines/rules: pets allowed with kennel, no drug testing, lockers to keep secured belongings, continental breakfast, set-aside beds for those with special needs; volunteers to work with animals that were not well socialized for the shelter; if didn't use bed for 72 hours then go back to waiting list, can stay during the day at the shelter, each person has a case worker, behavioral health services are under construction across the street, veterans to get pets spayed/neutered/shots, to prevent bed bugs they would heat up personal belongings to reduce outbreak
    - iii. Funded by City and County; operated by Salvation Army, not sure of liability / insurance
  - b. Stockton shelter added 50 low barrier beds; Gospel Mission shelter added 50 beds no pets; however, only about 40% filled and one might be due to no pets allowed.
  - c. Lodi Armory – looking into

Other:

- di. Community Liaison Officer Report:
  - Officer P. (stand in for Officer Dan Schiele)– police receive steady number of calls, 70-80 per week, but overall seen a reduction in number of homeless over last few months
  - Cal Trans did a large clean-up recently
  - Focus areas: Zupo Field, overpass, and mainstreet
  - Working with mental health service providers and to coordinate finding housing
- dii. aStepUp.org
  - a. Individuals from this group toured facilities and drafting a plan to create a new shelter; 6 months stay allowed per person. Potential 8,000 square foot building that could fit 150 beds; but still looking for property
  - b. Uses philosophy of addressing the “pets, possessions, and partners” for individuals
  - c. Looking for grant funds to help support on-going operations/maintenance; estimated \$35 per person per day cost.
  - d. Cleaning up encampments and will provide human services
  - e. To reduce costs of clean-up by Cal Trans; and reduce costs to fire, emt, and police.
  - f. Once graduated, look for programs to refer for next steps.
  - g. Looking for funds from City/County and nonprofits. Members recommended going to County for operational, instead of City. City and County can do a joint agreement to fund programs. Personal individuals donations. Member recommended that grants are competitive and require experience, and they will have had no experience, so should partner with other nonprofits.
- diii. Salvation Army
  - a. Recommends aim for 50 beds, Armory would be ideal. Talking to headquarters who is

- h. Grace and Mercy
  - a. Golf Tournament April. Those interested in sponsoring or supporting, reach out to her.  
(Background: This program is a day-café for homeless, it also outsources food, supplies, materials to over 50 other ministries)
- i. Pastor Bill Cummins
  - a. Lots of religious organizations in Lodi
  - b. Homeless person moved into tent on the church property; the existing bathroom facilities at church used; church members rallied to give support, counseling, sober, job, last five years; moved back in with wife and just got a car, doing well. Only about 4 months that church housed in tent and helped.
  - c. Second individuals – helped get his class a license back to be driver, helped him get his meds and therapy. Only about 4 months that church housed in tent and helped.
  - d. If it took very little in expense for this church to help these two people – then other churches could do this as well. We could make an impact and for very little cost. Police to vet some people.
  - e. Salvation Army helped with case management while Church covered cost of housing
  - f. Churches coming together on east side – focus on recovery and homelessness. Two houses ready to open in Lodi. Coming up with resources to help.
  - g. Member recommended that data on these individuals be entered into HMIS and that the CoC could provide training to church staff that are working with homeless.
- j. SB2
  - a. Permanent affordable housing funding – Lodi has allocation (and the County/Stockton)
  - b. Discussed shared/partnered project for veterans housing project in Stockton; City provide funding this year, and county would return support the following year; or if Lodi supported funds for bed, then County would set-aside bed for Lodi resident.
  - c. Committed to get back together to discuss more
  - d. Add facilities to new tiny homes; every new home reduces overall cost (economy of scale)
- k. Gleeson Community Medical Center
  - a. Outreach team attends Salvation Army Friday fair
- l. Adult and Teen Challenge
  - a. Adding 13 beds for adult homeless by June 1<sup>st</sup> – low barrier shelter
- m. Showered with Love – will be at Gravity Church every Friday to provide showers for homeless
- n. Kingdom Community
  - a. East-side movement by churches. First Sunday of every month at 5 p.m. at Horizon.
- o. County Social Security Office
  - a. If know of anyone that has no benefits but are elderly or disabled, please refer to social security so they can receive benefits.
  - b. Go to website [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) or 1-888-257-2641 (local Lodi Office) or 1-800-772-1213 (National) to access services.
- p. Salvation Army updates:
  - a. Celebrate Recovery weekly started
  - b. Looking for new case manager for homeless
  - c. CPFF of SJ updates:

- i. Low-income tax assistance clinic beginning end of January
- q. LCOH
  - a. Next LCOH meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Information posted on website (LCOH has its own website now) including paper on shelters that succeed. [www.lodi.gov/940/Homelessness](http://www.lodi.gov/940/Homelessness)
  - c. Meeting agenda and minutes will be posted there.