COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS MEETING

Friday, March 23, 2012 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Orange County Rescue Mission Village of Hope One Hope Drive, Tustin, CA 92782

MINUTES

Board Member Names and Affiliations

John M.W. Moorlach, Board of Supervisors

Allan Roeder, City Manager's Association Tom Burnham, Orange County Business Council Jim Palmer, H&CD Commission Don Hansen, OC League of Cities Larry Haynes, HomeAid Orange County Kim Goll, OC Funder's Roundtable Paul Walters, Police Chiefs/Sheriff's Association Carolyn McInerney, County Executive Office

Bob Dunek, City Manager's Association Bill Ford, Orange County Business Council Scott Larson, H&CD Commission Kathryn McCullough, OC League of Cities Barbara Jennings, HomeAid Orange County Sister Regina Fox, OC Funder's Roundtable Wolfgang Knabe, OC Fire Chiefs Association Mark Refowitz, Health Care Agency Behavioral Health

The Commission to End Homelessness welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Commission encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, please complete a Speaker Form identifying the item(s) and deposit it in the Speaker Form Return box located on the side of the podium. If you wish to speak on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the close of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record. Please address the Commission as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Power Point and video presentations must be requested prior to start of meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: John M.W. Moorlach

Chair Moorlach called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Wolfgang Knabe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Kathryn McCullough.

ROLL CALL: Steve Kight

Present: Chair John M.W. Moorlach, Bob Dunek, Sister Regina Fox, Larry Haynes, Barbara Jennings, Scott Larson, Kathryn McCullough, Carolyn McInerney, Jim Palmer, Mark Refowitz, Allan Roeder, Paul Walters, Steve Kight

Absent: Tom Burnham, Bill Ford, Kim Goll

PRESENTATIONS: North Orange County Homelessness Roundtable Update – Office of Supervisor Shawn Nelson

Scott Carpenter of Supervisor Nelson's Office gave a presentation on of the North Orange County Roundtable Meeting hosted by Supervisor Nelson. Supervisor Nelson, Fourth District staff and other County representatives met with members of the city councils and task forces of the cities of Fullerton and Anaheim to discuss homeless issues and potential solutions. Fourth District is coordinating efforts to align with the efforts of the 2020 Commission. The Roundtable will tentatively meet again in May.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Commissioner for discussion or separate action. At this time, any member of the public may ask the Commission to be heard on the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Approve January 27, 2012 Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair Moorlach asked for a motion to approve the consent item. C. McInerney made a motion, K. McCullough seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR:

2. Santa Ana Transit Terminal - Scott Larson & John M.W. Moorlach

A. Discussion of potential usage of the Santa Ana Transit Terminal as a multi-service center/emergency shelter

Location: 400 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana. OCTA offered to sell structure with a set price, within a certain timeframe.

Jim Palmer suggested the County consider purchasing the property to provide year-round services for the homeless. Jay Trevino, Executive Director Planning and Building Agency for the City of Santa Ana was asked to the podium by Chief Walters to discuss the history of the structure such as zoning, restrictions on use, community impact, policy, and challenges from the City's perspective. Mr. Trevino noted that the City of Santa Ana is updating their General Plan which will include a draft policy to create an overlay zone that would include development of shelters by right in industrial zones. The draft policy will be available in approximately two months. Mr. Trevino encouraged stakeholders to work with the City.

Three members of the public commented on this item.

B. Direct the Chair and Vice Chair to provide a letter of support to the Orange County Board of Supervisors regarding the suitability of the usage of the former OCTA Transit Terminal in Santa Ana as a multi-service center/emergency shelter and its associated impact on the long-term Ten-Year Plan strategy

Jim Palmer made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors advising the purchase of the property at 400 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana. Kathryn McCullough seconded the motion.

There was much discussion and a suggestion that OCTA be contacted asking them if they were willing to extend the deadline to allow for time to consider options.

Jim Palmer and Kathryn McCullough rescinded their previous motion and second.

Allan Roeder made a motion that a letter be composed to OCTA asking them to extend their deadline. It was seconded by Bob Dunek. The motion passed with two abstentions: John Moorlach and Larry Haynes.

At the request of Supervisor Moorlach, Don Hansen agreed to speak with OCTA to consider extending their timeframe.

3. <u>Update on Implementing Groups – Group Chairs or Designees:</u>

A. Larry Haynes, Implementing Group #1 (Outreach to Homeless/At-Risk of Homelessness)

The group is currently focusing on prevention and is 2-3 meetings away from providing a report and recommendations to the Commission and will then begin discussion on outreach.

B. Scott Larson, Implementing Group #2 (Improve Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing)

Scott Larson continues to work with providers on a community inventory of shelter beds while OC Partnership finalizes the Housing Inventory Chart, a subset of the community inventory, for submission to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

One public speaker commented on the need for a service center in South County.

C. Allan Roeder, Implementing Group #3 (Permanent Housing/Resources to Remain Housed)

Allan Roeder and Steve Kight have been meeting to redefine the role of Group #3 and avoid duplication of efforts. Mr. Roeder made a presentation on SB2 to city managers asking for a task force of city managers and planning directors be formed to look at SB2 so that the issue is addressed as a region rather than 34 individual cities. The taskforce is holding a preliminary meeting on 4/26. Mr. Roeder also reported meeting with Scott Larson and the Kennedy Commission to discuss SB2 and affordable housing.

Group #3 has expanded to include mainstream resources and employment.

D. Jim Palmer, Implementing Group #4 (Data/Community Support/Social Policy/Systemic Change)

Jim Palmer reported that OC Partnership was accepted by HUD for full participation in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR). Participation in AHAR makes the Continuum of Care more competitive nationally and produces data that is useful to decision makers.

4. Continuum of Care Update

A. Ad Hoc Committee for Continuum of Care Application and Emergency Shelter NOFA Update

Allan Roeder was appointed to this committee by Chair Moorlach. Sister Regina Fox, Kim Goll and Scott Larson were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee by Chair Moorlach at the last Commission meeting.

The committee met on March 21, 2012 to discuss and approve staff recommendations on the upcoming 2012 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Application and the Funding Allocation Policy and Process (FAPP) for the Year-Round Emergency Shelter NOFA.

The committee will continue to develop and review policies to integrate the Continuum of Care, HEARTH Act requirements, and the work of the Implementing Groups with the Ten-Year Plan goals and objectives.

5. <u>Dissolution of Redevelopment Impacts – Julia Bidwell</u>

The County of Orange was established as the Successor Agency to the Orange County Development Agency (OCDA). On February 28, 2012, the Board of Supervisors established the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency. Although successor agencies are authorized to use redevelopment funds to pay for existing financial obligations remaining after the dissolution of redevelopment, no new funds are available resulting in a negative impact on the ability for the County and cities to fund and create affordable housing opportunities. The Successor Agency was formed after Redevelopment ended. They are currently reviewing obligations and doing some new thinking.

6. Update from Chairman - John M.W. Moorlach

Chair Moorlach reported that the Board of Supervisors approved an additional \$300,000 in funding for the Armory Emergency Shelter Program allowing the program to remain open an additional 30 days.

Thanks were given to Larry Haynes, Scott Larson, Allan Roeder and Jim Palmer for all the work being done with Implementing Groups.

7. OC Community Services Updates - Karen Roper

Julia Bidwell reported on behalf of Karen Roper. HUD recently announced \$2.5 million awarded by HUD to new projects in the 2011 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance application competition. Renewal project awards were announced in December.

8. Update from Executive Director - Steve Kight

Steve Kight announced the upcoming meeting of the Implementation Groups to be held on April 20, 2012.

Mr. Kight reported on his visits to other communities to research best practices.

John Ashmen, author of "Invisible Neighbors," will speak at the next C2eH meeting. It was suggested that reading the book in advance of the meeting would be beneficial in preparing questions for the author prior to the meeting.

9. Laura's Law Discussion - continued from January 27, 2012

A. Provide policy recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the Health Care Agency "Discussion and Analysis of Assembly Bill 1421 – Laura's Law"

This item (#9) has been continued to the May 25, 2012 Commission to End Homelessness meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any off-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person and twenty minutes for all comments, unless different time limits are set by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Board.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Larry Haynes in regard to Agenda Item #2, the Commission's role is to implement the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The community must advocate for the client and seek out holistic approaches. In support of Mr. Roeder and the efforts of Implementation Group #3, Mr. Haynes further commented that housing solutions are the key to ending homelessness. He also informed the Commission of the Costa Mesa City Council's approval of the plan developed by the Costa Mesa Homeless Task Force.

Allan Roeder reiterated the need to take permanent housing issues seriously and is working with city managers and city planners to coordinate and collaborate across cities, "piggy-backing" on good efforts. The Commission needs to hear from cities that have focused on these issues and get them to share their experience. Mr. Roeder expressed concern over the expiration of Laura's Law this year and suggested adding the issue to the County's legislative platform.

Chair Moorlach invited Keith Curry, Director of the Center for Public Policy at Concordia University to speak about an upcoming seminar on creating high performance government in Orange County and beyond.

ADJOURNED:

Chair Moorlach adjourned the meeting at 11:22 am.

NEXT MEETING: May 25, 2012 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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*Note: Special Guest Speaker, John Ashmen, scheduled to present at the May 25, 2012 Commission to End Homelessness Meeting