City of Arts & Innovation

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021, 3:30 P.M.
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3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT:

Chair Edwards, Vice Chair Plascencia, and Member Cervantes

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Diana Alegria, Ryan Marty, Lea Deesing, Lauren Sanchez, Mary

Kopaskie-Brown, Michelle Davis, Randolph Solis, Paul Hooper, Ali Hariri,

Shaleah Thomas, Paloma Montes, and Jeffery McLaughlin

Chair Edwards convened the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Maribel Nunez spoke regarding the Five-Year Plan to reduce homelessness. Johnny Miller spoke regarding homelessness and building permanent affordability models. Avalon Edwards spoke regarding the Five-Year Plan to reduce homelessness alternatives to police and law enforcement responses, housing and security, and affordability land trust models. Jeff Grain spoke regarding waiving the Sunshine Ordinance to create the Five-Year Plan to reduce homelessness. Matthew Schneider spoke regarding inclusionary housing, community land trust model, social housing, access to mental health, and waiving the Sunshine Ordinance.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS STATE FUNDING UPDATE

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Committee unanimously received and order filed an update on funding for housing and homelessness recently approved in the State budget.

WAIVE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE - PROPOSED HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE YEAR 2 WORKPLAN - CREATE FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Plascencia and seconded by Member Cervantes to (1) waive the Sunshine Ordinance pursuant to Riverside Municipal Code Sections 4.05.050(D)(1)(a) and 4.05.050(D)(1)(b); and (2) add the agenda item regarding the proposed Housing and Homelessness Committee Year 2 Workplan: Creating a Five-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness. The motion carried unanimously.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE YEAR 2 WORKPLAN: CREATING A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Cervantes and seconded by Vice Chair Plascencia to (1) approve the proposed Five-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness work plan as presented in the staff report to be completed by June 2022; (2) amend the



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proposed work plan as discussed; and (3) present the amended proposal to the City Council on September 30, 2021, for feedback.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 2021 THROUGH JUNE 2022

This item was removed from the agenda.

HOUSING AUTHORITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Committee unanimously received and ordered filed an update on Housing Authority affordable housing projects.

INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Committee unanimously received and ordered filed an update on Inclusionary Housing Programs.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Chair Edwards requested an update on the status of the hiring process for the Homeless Solutions Officer.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIÁNA ALEGRIA Deputy City Clerk