



**CITY OF DANA POINT
HOMELESS TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**October 25, 2017
1:07 PM – 3:02 PM
City Hall Offices
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, California 92629**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Wyatt called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Rachel Johnson, Assistant Administrative Analyst performed roll call.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bev Jorgensen, Kim Tilly, Wayne Yost, Jim Surber (entered at 1:24 p.m.)

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT: Shannon Levin, Susan Price, Larry Pritchett

COUNCIL PRESENT: Paul N Wyatt

CITY STAFF LIAISONS PRESENT: Kelly Reenders (Economic Development Manager), Lt. Russ Chilton (Chief of Dana Point Police Services), and Rachel Johnson (Assistant Administrative Analyst)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Wyatt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SCOTT GENSCHAW (Dana Point) shared how his family has personally been affected by the homeless. He encouraged the task force to come up with a communication plan to let the public know what the task force has been accomplishing. Lastly he asked that the Homeless Task Force change their meeting time so that more members of the public would be able to attend.

DENNIS ETLIN (San Juan Capistrano) stated that the homeless situation needs to be managed and not swept under the rug. He encouraged the task for to manage and engage with the problem to help solve the problem.

ROSE MCNUTT (Dana Point), living next to heritage park, explained how she has to deal with the homeless near her home on a daily basis, and that Heritage park is becoming unsafe, as the homeless are hiding in the bushes. This problem near her home is making her feel unsafe in her home.

STEVE STEWART (Dana Point) discussed the concerns that have grown over social media that reflect the public's fear and anger regarding the homeless. He requested that the task force needs to show that they are being proactive and

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diffuse the comments before they get out of hand.

BARBARA BRABECK (Dana Point) stated that she could appreciate what everyone is going through with the homeless. She encouraged the task force to see what they are doing in the Los Angeles area with the homeless problem up there, and encouraged all those in attendance to be sympathetic to all, those affected by the homeless, as well as those who do not have a place to live.

JAMES LETFORT (Dana Point) thanked the task force for their contributions to helping solve the problem of homelessness. He then requested that the task force and Police Services, communicate with the public who the homeless are and their backgrounds, so that we could feel safer knowing who the homeless are in our community.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approval of the Task Force September 27, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**
2. **Receive and file Mercy House Outreach Monthly Report - September**

ACTION: Motion made (Yost) and seconded (Surber) that the recommendations be accepted for all items on the CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried 5-0-3.

AYES: Jorgensen, Tilly, Wyatt, Yost, Surber
NOES: None
ABSENT: Levin, Price, Pritchett
ABSTAIN: None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. **Discussion on Draft Work Plan and establishing priorities**

Mayor Pro Tem Wyatt introduced Kelly Reenders who distributed the Work Plan for discussion. Reenders introduced Larry Haynes of Mercy House to give a presentation on the state of homelessness in Dana Point, and recommendations for the work plan.

ACTION: Motion made (Jorgensen) and seconded (Tilly) that staff solicit proposals for a full time homeless outreach worker, and staff evaluate proposals to make a recommendation to City Council at the December 5, 2017 City Council meeting, for a full time outreach coordinator. Motion carried 5-0-3.

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AYES: Jorgensen, Tilly, Wyatt, Yost, Surber
NOES: None
ABSENT: Levin, Price, Pritchett
ABSTAIN: None

4. Establish regular meeting schedule

Discussion ensued regarding when the Homeless Task Force regular meeting should be held.

ACTION: Motion made (Wyatt) and seconded (Yost) that the regular Homeless Task Force meetings should be held the last Monday of each month from 3-5pm. Motion carried 5-0-3.

AYES: Jorgensen, Tilly, Wyatt, Yost, Surber
NOES: None
ABSENT: Levin, Price, Pritchett
ABSTAIN: None

D. NEW BUSINESS

5. Report out on the visit to The Crossings LOTS

ACTION: Motion made (Wyatt) and seconded (Surber) that this item be moved to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held November 27, 2017. Motion carried 5-0-3.

AYES: Jorgensen, Tilly, Wyatt, Yost, Surber
NOES: None
ABSENT: Levin, Price, Pritchett
ABSTAIN: None

6. Rountable Discussion from faith based leaders on goals, services and resources available

Mayor Pro Tem Wyatt requested that each of the faith based leaders introduce themselves and each member provided a brief description of their organization and resources available.

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7. Rountable Discussion with business members on involvement and resource connection

ACTION: Motion made (Wyatt) and seconded (Surber) that this item be moved to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held November 27, 2017. Motion carried 5-0-3.

AYES: Jorgensen, Tilly, Wyatt, Yost, Surber
NOES: None
ABSENT: Levin, Price, Pritchett
ABSTAIN: None

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Homeless Task Force at this session, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.