

Intro remarks by Amber Sheikh Ginsberg, 7:13pm

- 1) **Alison Becker (Buscaino's office) -**
  - a) Watts Bridge Home open, operations are going well, two other sites update, challenges regarding shelters forcing internal resources became overwhelming and turbulence which cost time and money, decided to engage an expert consultant on the project delivery model, two sites were bundled together and out to bid in mid-December, tomorrow, bids will open on Eubank and Beacon, 22nd construction awards, contractor Feb. 10, city allows 120 day construction period, completion of project on June 12 and turn over to agency on June 15,
  - b) Mayor wants June 30th deadline for all Bridge Housing Program for this fiscal year, also wants, groundbreaking activities to let locals know it is happening, knows concerns from businesses and encourages them to be addressed, providers sign a standard public works contract, not negotiated individually which expedites this project
  - c) Service providers have been selected are PATH for San Pedro and US Vets for Wilmington, both are typical tent structure with 100 beds (two-thirds beds to men, one-third women) food will be brought in from off-site since there is no commercial kitchen, local venues or organizations may sponsor food, health permit is associated with kitchen where prepared.
  - d) Locations have on-site coordinator in case of an emergency, will look into CERT volunteers, currently there are 20 staff members at Watts, starting Jan 22, having regular meetings with staff about needs, there is a total of 25 Bridge Houses to open by June 2021, 100k in discretionary funds used to help coordinate between the sites, can hear about stories on social media @Buscaino for updates on effectiveness and integration, each client needs to be assessed for needs including (AA, mental health, job training, ID replacement etc.), metric to determine effectiveness is being developed by United Way/Salvation Army/LAHSAs, emphasis that housing plans for each client varies, not a one-size-fit all program (Individual Housing Plan - IHP)
  - e) Work is continuing with Quality of Life Team (LAPD).
- 2) **Navigation Center** located at the Harbor Police Department is slated to be finished in 70 days, is about 50% complete, progress was delayed slightly due to weather, will open in March, back from February, open house will be held, service provider is Volunteers of America (VOA), can service anyone, not just residents of SP, # of bins is around 160, each bin holds 60 gallons, clients may have a bin at the Nav Center and in the Bridge Home, storage is 120 gallons at the Bridge Home.
- 3) **Beacon and 8th Street Site**, Ivan from Hahn's office spoke, they are proposing to use Harbor Interfaith to be the contract manager, designed to be a 40+ bed shelter, single adults, with 24/7 security inside and the immediate surrounding community, pets

allowed, 3 meals a day plus snacks, off-site storage. Primary purpose is, to alleviate the encampment around the post office, item is on the Supervisor's board agenda next Tuesday, the shelter may be opened in 45-50 days including case management, this is a temporary place and they will accept more severe cases, top section has not been used so some time but is appropriate for the shelter purposes, clients will work through coordinated service system, written plan is available in the motion, statement about it on Facebook account of Hahn, other sites available in the county to be looked at, for example, all county-owned properties from Whittier to SP, talk of motel vouchers is still being negotiated, Measure H money was separated, some difficulty working with motel owners in Wilmington, Whittier and Artesia, CO in Hahn's office work out the master lease, some motels were over-charging, taking advantage of govt money.

4) **Safe Parking** ~ Shannon Murray spoke from WLCAC, 37 enrolled, 5 already moved into Bridge Home, one passed away, some clients work overnight, get stuck places, need gas, very cold as well so some are going to friends/family over the holidays, RVs leave in the morning, continued outreach is happening 30 spaces. There is also talk to open Safe parking in Community Colleges. LAHSA is having RFP for more safe parking on Thursday, Jan. 9.

5) **Housing Project Updates** ~

- a) LINC Housing emailed an update today, may come to WG meeting next month.
- b) Daylight - supportive Housing in Compton is going to city planning commission on Wednesday morning Jan 9 at 8:30am, apartments/studios for Homeless, modular/container, 9500 S. Compton Ave in Watts
- c) Hope on 6th ~ permanent supportive housing got permits and still moving forward.
- d) Mobile Showers on 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 11-2. Kathleen Martin made breakfast or food brought in, clothing clothes, bring community, haircuts, may need supplies in a couple of months, create a wishlist, donation from United Way for emergency supplies of blankets, jackets etc.
- e) Homeless Count, Jan 22 at 8 -11pm, at Harbor Community Police station in the community room, San Pedro will fill but Watts, Wilmington and others are struggling to get enough volunteers.
- f) Young Adult Count (Shannon from WLCAC) - 18-25 year olds, blitz days to reach out on January 29 from 6am to 10pm with groups going out during the day

Next meeting on Feb. 4 in Watts with updates on LINC housing, Beacon and 8th, and more