

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)  
HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date**

December 6, 2022

**Time**

2pm-3:30pm

**Location**

Zoom

**Members Present**

Anne Robin  
Anne Wyatt  
Brenda Mack  
Elaine Archer  
Kathy McClenathen  
Mark Lamore  
Scott Smith  
Yael Korin

**Members Absent**

Ken Trigueiro  
Marianne Kennedy

**Staff and Guests**

Abby Lassen  
Christy Nichols  
George Solis  
Jeff Al-Mashat  
Jeff Eckles  
Joe Dzvonik  
Kelsey Nocket

Kristin Ventresca  
Kyle Bell  
Merlie Livermore  
Rita Holland  
Russ Francis  
Skylar Caldwell  
Wendy Lewis

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Scott Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Introductions were made.

### **2. Public Comment**

Yael reported that residents on the Oklahoma site have unionized and formed committees focusing on site security, wellness, site cleaning and maintenance, and also the management of the food pantry. Yael shared yesterday was the first day the committees started working.

Kelsey from SLO City shared that she is leaving her position to take on a new role in another office. She mentioned that the strategic plan is still on track with the timeline in place to continue on with the work already done.

### **3. Consent: Approval of Minutes**

Anne Wyatt made the motion to approve the minutes and Kathy seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

### **4. Action/Information/Discussion**

#### **4.1 Discussion Item: Alternative Housing Models-Smart Share Housing Solutions**

Anne Wyatt shared a Smart Share presentation which was first put together for a Housing Options committee in 2017. According to Anne, HomeShare SLO has now placed 141 clients since it started. Anne also shared other housing options programs such as Tiny House Villages, Tiny House on Wheels and ADUs. Anne also mentioned the changing demographics which affect the need for more housing options.

#### **4.2 Discussion Item: Structuring future discussions regarding encampment cleanup policies and practices countywide**

Scott shared that Yael and Brenda asked if we could have discussion on encampments in SLO City at last meeting. The committee received feedback from City of SLO about the sensitivity regarding encampment issue.

Brenda shared that San Luis Obispo County does not have enough warming shelters to meet demand. There are people dying in the cold on streets due to this. She also added there are some misconceptions about how the shelters work.

Yael said that she can send out document that they proposed when an encampment subcommittee was formed two years ago. First proposal was to sanction the encampments that exist. Yael further stated that encampment cleanup is not a positive thing as it costs money as well as displacing people. This money could instead be used for amenities for the encampments if they are sanctioned.

#### **4.3 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants – Update on Opportunities**

George had no updates to report. Brenda asked about the \$11.5 million received for the purchase of the Anderson Hotel. Scott shared that HASLO (Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo) are completing the purchase.

#### **4.4 Discussion Item: Housing Developers Roundtable**

Scott reported that HASLO's purchase of the Anderson Hotel is to close no later than February, there will be renovations which are expected to last about 18 months. HASLO was also approved by SLO City to redevelop the Maxine Lewis homeless shelter site.

### **5. Future Discussion/Report Items**

Continued discussion on encampment cleanup policies.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** January 3, 2023, at 2pm.

### **7. Adjournment**

Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.