

Louden Nelson, Community Room
301 Center Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



APPROVED MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
(CACH) MEETING
Regular Meeting

Sept. 3, 2019

6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING - LOUDEN NELSON, COMMUNITY ROOM

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Community Advisory Committee on Homelessness (CACH) Agenda

Sept. 3, 2019
6:00 pm

- I. **Call to Order Roll Call (6:04 pm)** - Committee Members present: Ami Chen Mills-Naim, Ingrid Trejo*, Candice Elliott*, Serg Kagno, Don Lane, Taj Leahy, Brooke Newman, Aran Nichol, Frank Sanchez, Rafael Sonnenfeld, Dwaine Tait, and Katie Woolsey

Ms. Elliott and Ms. Trejo at 6:05

Absent: Stina Roach

- II. **Public Comment (6:08 pm)**

- III. **Minutes from Aug. 20th CACH Meeting (6:22 pm)**
Request made to correct the spelling of Ms. Nichol's name and remove her name

from present.

Mr. Kagno moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Lane, Approved by consensus

IV. Nominate and Elect Co-Chairs (6:24 pm)

Ms. Newman nominated Ms. Elliott
Mr. Lane nominated Mr. Leahy
Mr. Tait nominated Ms. Newman
Mr. Sonnenfeld nominated Mr. Kagno
Mr. Kagno nominated Mr. Sonnenfeld

Agenda Item IV is temporarily tabled to discuss process for vote

V. Proposed amendment to the approved Bylaws to include mediation option (6:29 pm)

Ms. Chen proposed alternative language for Article IV (b). Ms. Woolsey suggested moving the proposed language to Article IV (d).

Proposed changes to the Bylaws was approve by consensus

Ms. Newman requested that staff share the City of Santa Cruz Workplace Policies with CACH Members

IV. Continuation of Agenda Item IV: Nominate and Elect Co-Chairs (6:45 pm)

Ms. Newman removed her name from consideration

Each nominee for Co-Chair gave a brief statement as to why they would like to be chair, followed by voting by closed ballot.

Break (7:02 - 7:08)

Ms. Elliott and Mr. Leahy are elected to be Co-Chairs

VI. Overview of current and past policy and recommendations and draft CACH Work plan (7:09 pm)

Mr. Sonnenfeld moved to modify the staff proposed timeline with his suggested timeline. Seconded by Ms. Woolsey. Mr. Kagno offered a friendly amendment to consider motions drafted by Ms. O'Hara. After discussion and modification, Mr. Sonnenfeld accepted the friendly amendment.

The below motions were approved by consensus:

Motion to approve a subcommittee of the CACH to develop immediate policy recommendations to be shared with the full CACH for the purpose of defining the Phase 1 work plan, including a high level feasibility analysis.

Motion to direct staff to develop a listening tour for the purpose of the confirming needs in the community and potential policy considerations for the CACH. The goals and objectives of the listening tour should be developed in consultation with the Wisdom Council process.

Motion to direct staff, with assistance from the immediate policy subcommittee, to develop and disseminate a CACH and community survey on policy priorities and gaps.

Motion to approve the CACH work planning timeline with the ability to update the timeline meeting date/duration, meeting focus, and required resources/staffing as needed, recognizing the CACH's interest in advancing priorities to Council as soon as possible, and no later than the end of October.

Mr. Lane moved to nominate Mr. Kagno and Mr. Sonnenfeld as members of the sub-committee. Mr. Keeley nominated Ms. Elliott and Mr. Leahy (the CACH Co-Chairs) as additional members. The nominations were seconded and approved by consensus. It was noted that up to 2 additional members may join this sub committee if desired.

A request was made to include in these minutes the notes that Ms. Trejo took during public comment regarding desired issues to be addressed by the CACH:

- Population we are focusing on: Missing disabled
- Concern over Loudon Nelson bathrooms
- More protection for homeless putting up tents
- Concern over police harassment during enforcement
- More tents and blankets for homeless
- Legal places for homeless people to sleep
- More programs for people who do not have an alcohol or drug problem
- Create more drop-in centers like MHCAN, create programs that are needed but are not currently available
- Resource guides send you to places where there are no services
- Make showers and fresh water available at 1220
- Demonization and dehumanization of people who are homeless

- Missing political will to make changes
- Lack of follow through, put language in documents that is action oriented
- Work on permitting process for portable toilets

VII. Oral communications (for items not listed on the agenda) (9:07)

VIII. Adjournment (9:14 pm)

Ms. Woolsey moved to adjourn

Seconded and approved by consensus