

CITY CLERK'S RECORD OF MEETING

City Council Subcommittee on Homelessness
August 25, 2022

Present: Mayor Lauren Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Sepi Shyne, Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck, Facilities and Field Services Division Manager Helen Collins, Property Development Manager Brian League, City Clerk Melissa Crowder.

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 A.M.

Item 3.A. Follow Up on Exploration of Alternative and Additional Public Restrooms

Facilities and Field Services Division Manager Helen Collins presented information on possible locations for additional public restrooms after seeking feedback from the boards and commissions. Possible ideas floated were the Holloway Motel and the Veterans Memorial building. Restrooms currently at Plummer Park and West Hollywood Park are open until midnight.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne commented that 24-hour, 7 days per week access to public bathrooms is needed, regardless of the parks access. She requested creative ideas like mobile restrooms, similar to what San Francisco is doing. She inquired on the cost to build and for further research on creative options.

Facilities and Field Services Division Manager Collins shared the information that JC Dacoi built and rented to the City of San Francisco at \$300,000-\$400,000 per unit install initially, and \$50-60,000 per year for maintenance for each individual unit. The City of Seattle has self-cleaning portable restrooms with a timer.

Mayor Meister commented that folks are going into residential areas after businesses close and suggested an option at every sector of the City. She noted a preference for mobile restrooms, so the location is flexible and can be easily moved.

Property Development Manager Brian League commented about the Holloway Motel option mentioned, cautioned that the HomeKey grant is CEQA exempt, and advised not to add anything to the program until the City has all the approvals.

Ongoing analysis is taking place, and staff will come back with both permanent and temporary/portable/mobile options for public restrooms. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne further requested the result of what had taken place at the other cities as part of the analysis. She suggested ads on the permanent fixtures as a possible method for revenue stream. Additionally, staff will work with the Chamber of Commerce to conduct outreach since Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne indicated the Chamber was supportive of the idea of additional public restrooms.

Item 4.A. Supporting Programs & Events that Advance Goals of West Hollywood Homeless Initiative by Waiving Encroachment and Parking Fees

Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck presented opportunities with UCLA Homeless Healthcare Mobile Units which would provide health care services and linkage to care in a mobile unit that would come to West Hollywood twice monthly at no cost to the City. Fee waivers would need to be requested for parking of the mobile units.

The subcommittee members noted that they are excited to see this partnership and are supportive of waiving the parking fees. The next step is to bring this item forward for City Council approval to request the fee waivers. In the interim, the MOU is currently being reviewed by the City Attorney.

Items from Subcommittee Members: None.

Items from Staff:

Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck mentioned that yesterday the Governor's Office announced the Project HomeKey Round 2 funds which included the City of West Hollywood. Additionally, the Westside Cities COG Homeless Working Group met yesterday, and are looking at potential funding opportunities through LAASA. The COG Board has scheduled the BeWell OC follow up meeting at the end of September. Lastly, she will continue to monitor the messaging about the Holloway Motel, and has scheduled community engagement with commissions, Chamber of Commerce, local HOAs, and various focus groups.

Mayor Meister suggested honing in on messaging on what the Holloway facility will be, and clarifying the process that people will get a key for interim housing and not applying for shelter nightly.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 A.M. to the next subcommittee meeting on October 27, 2022 at 8:30 AM via teleconference.



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