



MEETING NOTES

Cloverdale Homelessness Community Advisory Group Meeting No. 10

Date: Tuesday February 8th

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cloverdale Regional Library
401 N. Cloverdale Blvd, Cloverdale, CA 95425

Meeting Convener: Mayor Lands, Mayor City of Cloverdale, convened the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Present:

Todd Lands, Mayor

Joe Palla, Councilmember

Kevin Thompson, Assistant City Manager/CD Director

Chris Parker, Lieutenant Cloverdale Police Department

David Kelley, City Manager

Melanie Hall, Cloverdale Senior Center

Jody Kane, Alexander Valley Health (AVH)

Blake Manning, AVH

Debbie Howell, AVH

Jill Garibaldi, Clerk

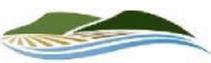
Public Comments:

City Manager Kelley provided an update on the appointment of Stephen Sotomayor to Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board. A change in the structure of the Board is in process.

Debbie Howell questioned if the city is still looking at options for overnight emergency shelter for the homeless. In response, CM Kelley explained that staff had contacted local hotels to find out if any would be interested in participating in limited-time temporary shelter project (in coordination with So Co Community Development Commission) and none were interested, but none other than that. In response to her further inquiry, Mayor Lands explained that the State's shelter requirement is that the city must have "access to", and at this time Cloverdale has access to Healdsburg.

Neena Hanchett reported that she has had people express to her that they are uncomfortable taking the bus because the stop is an encampment. The charging stations encourage people to hang out in the bus shelters. In response, Lieutenant Parker explained that the Police Department will move them along when there is the chance to do so. Hanchett and Parker are working together to contact businesses about issues/concerns with the goal being to find out how the city, police department, and public facilities, can help businesses succeed. In response, Councilmember Palla suggested that a town hall meeting might facilitate the discussion best. CM Kelley will reach out to the transit agency to see if the charging stations should be disconnected so that it does not promote hanging out at the shelters.

Angela Cordova questioned who would pay for damage to the hotels if they participated in being a temporary shelter. She noted that there is a lot of loitering, drinking in public, and damage occurring in our parks. In response, Mayor Lands explained that there are laws prohibiting this activity; however, those behaviors are citable and usually do not result in jail. CM Kelley reported that the city is obtaining cost estimates for a new metal roll down door for the Furber Park snack shack and is looking at other permanent and safe solutions. Councilmember Palla noted that the glass is being changed out with plexiglass.



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TIME	Topics
5:04 p.m.	<p>Welcome from Chair Todd Lands, Mayor and Vice Chair Joe Palla, Councilmember</p>
	<p>Update on Local Homelessness Activities (Alexander Valley Health, Wallace House & Reach for Home)</p> <p>Jody Kane gave a report on the voucher program and affordable housing efforts.</p> <p>Blake Manning reported that the Ford Street Project does not serve Sonoma County (Mendocino only).</p> <p>Debbie Howell reported that AVH is working on a federal grant and as part of the process will obtain numbers on how many of their patients have identified as homeless. They should have the number next meeting. She also reported on the Thyme Square Project status.</p>
	<p>Update from Lieutenant Parker on Police Response to Homelessness</p> <p>There have been fewer calls for service on homelessness-related issues since last month. The town early morning patrols had been suspended due to Omicron; however, they will resume Friday.</p>
	<p>Update on Point in Time Count</p> <p>Kevin Thompson reported that Reach for Home is organizing a point-in-time count for February 25th.</p>
	<p>Update from Mayor Lands on Vegetation Removal at the River</p> <p>Mayor Lands reported that Gore has approved funding for the continuation of cleanup all the way to McCray Rd. Will result in a cleaner and safer place for fire mitigation.</p>
5:32 p.m.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mayor Lands adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m. to March 8, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.</p>