



**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
(CACH)
Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**
Santa Cruz Civic, Tony Hill Room
307 Church St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. Minutes from Dec. 17, 2019 CACH meeting**
- III. Presentation by City Attorney's Office on the City and County Camping Ordinances**
 - 1. CACH Discussion**
 - 2. Public Discussion (time limited)**
- IV. Oral Report from CACH Subcommittees**
 - 1. CACH Discussion**
 - 2. Public Discussion (time limited)**
- V. Goal setting for Mid and Long Term Recommendations to Council**
- VI. Oral Communications (for items not listed on the agenda)**
- VII. Adjournment**

Adjournment -- The Committee Advisory Committee on Homelessness (CACH) will adjourn from the public meeting of Jan. 7, 2020 to its next meeting of Jan. 21, 2020.

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Veteran's Memorial Building
846 Front Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS (CACH)
MEETING

Regular Meeting
Dec. 17, 2019

7:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING - VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING

Community Advisory Committee on Homelessness (CACH) Agenda
Dec. 17, 2019
7:30 pm

- I. **Call to Order Roll Call (7:30 pm)** - Committee Members present: Stoney Brook, Candice Elliott, Serg Kagno, Don Lane, Taj Leahy, Brooke Newman, Aran Nichol, Stina Roach, Alie Soares, Rafael Sonnenfeld and Dwaine Tait

Ms. Chen was absent (excused)

Mr. Sanchez was absent (unexcused)

- II. **Minutes from Dec. 3rd CACH Meeting (7:30 pm)**

Mr. Lane moved to approve minutes

Seconded by Mr. Sonnenfeld

Minutes approved by consensus

- III. **Presentation by Helene Schneider (7:31 pm)**

- IV. **Oral Report from CACH Subcommittees (8:27 pm)**

Safe Sleep Sub-Committee (8:28 pm)

Public Health Sub-Committee (8:44 pm)

Public Engagement Sub-Committee (8:58 pm)

Mr. Sonnenfeld moved to:

Request the City Manager's Office work with the CACH in the design process for new sleep programs so the CACH and City staff can use the feedback from the community to collaborate in the design of a program that meets the needs of stakeholders until such time that the City Council has an opportunity to do so.

Seconded by Mr. Lane

Approved by consensus

- V. **Expansion of CACH Membership (9:23 pm)**
Ms. Elliott moved to table Agenda Item V
Approved by consensus
- VI. **Oral communications (9:37 pm)**
- VII. **Adjournment (9:49 pm)**
Approved by consensus

CACH Work Plan: Mid-Term and Long-Term Recommendations

Candice Elliott and Taj Leahy

January 2, 2020

- Background
 - Introduction
 - Update on CACH Work Completed
- Policy Development Recommendations
 - Work Plan Timeline
 - Mid-Term Recommendations
 - Long-Term Recommendations
- Co-Chair Request

BACKGROUND

Introduction

The Community Advisory Committee on Homelessness (CACH) has now completed nearly five months of meetings and work. At this time, it is important to clarify and agree on next steps to ensure that the CACH develops sustainable policy solutions for the community. The Co-Chairs would like to focus a portion of the January 7, 2019 meeting on the CACH's goals and the relationship of those goals with subcommittee work and reporting.

Update on CACH Work Completed

On October 11, 2019 the Co-Chairs requested that subcommittees return to the CACH with 1 - 2 recommendations for presentation to Council that were focused on immediate needs. Since that time:

- Subcommittees performed research and made recommendations to the CACH
- The CACH deliberated and voted on the subcommittee's recommendations
- The CACH received presentations from local and regional providers including Housing Matters and Dignity on Wheels
- The CACH received a presentation from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
- The CACH held two community engagement sessions
 - Public Health and Hygiene - December 3, 2019
 - Safe Sleeping and Campgrounds - December 17, 2019
- The Co-Chairs presented 9 recommendations to Council on December 10, 2019
 - Recommend the City continue to help fund the 1220 River St. shelter program by supporting the County to write a new contract with the Salvation Army to continue services at the new location
 - Recommend the creation of additional managed low barrier, ADA accessible emergency shelter program(s) to be opened this winter, either in the city limits or with a shuttle service from the City to the shelter if outside City limits. We also recommend the shelter program include ongoing feedback with regular meetings between the management and the community.
 - Recommend relocating the shuttle pick-up site for the Laurel Street shelter program to an indoor or sheltered location.
 - Recommend two (2) additional ADA portable toilets with hand washing stations that are in a covered, well lighted area, and well distributed throughout the downtown, open 24/7.

- Recommend the Loudon Nelson Community Center restrooms remain open only to patrons of Loudon Nelson.
- Recommend expanding the CACH by one individual, with the CACH determining the nomination criteria.
- Recommend the creation and implementation of additional shelter programs include the input and feedback of management, the community, and organizations representing people experiencing homelessness.
- Recommend the City Council fund a comprehensive community engagement program to include facilitated meetings across the community and across demographics and constituents with an independent of specially designated facilitator(s).
- Recommend the creation of one RV sewage dumping site within City limits.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The work before the CACH is now to return to council with mid-term and long-term recommendations before the committee sunsets in March 2020. In order to facilitate this work the Co-Chairs propose the following timeline:

Work Plan Timeline

Meeting Date	Objective
January 21	Subcommittees present Mid-Term Recommendations CACH votes on recommendations
February 4	Co-Chairs provide CACH with Mid Term Report
February 11	Co-Chairs deliver Mid Term Report to Council
March 3	Subcommittees present Long-Term Recommendations CACH votes on recommendations
March 17	Co-Chairs provide CACH with Long-Term Report
March 24	Co-Chairs deliver Long-Term Report to Council

Mid-Term Recommendations

Mid-Term policy development should be focused on merging urgent needs with long term goals to move into sustainable action steps:

- Focused new programming to meet current gaps in service
- Increasing access to current programs
- Fostering strong communication and partnership with providers
- The Mid-Term report may include recommendations related to the Camping Ordinance which were assigned to the CACH and must return to council in early 2020.

Long Term Recommendations

Sustainable policy development should be grounded in strong research and engagement with other cities and the community. To this end the CACH has received presentations from various community stakeholders, and conducted community engagement sessions with the public. This allows for the CACH to:

- Grasp the current policy environment
- Confirm actual needs in the community
- Hear from others on how they are approaching similar challenges, including lessons learned
- Ability to move forward with policy recommendations built on a foundation of consensus and best practices.

CO-CHAIR REQUEST

We would like to request that each subcommittee return to the CACH:

- On January 21, 2020 with 1 - 2 Mid-Term Policy Recommendations
- On March 3, 2020 with 1 - 2 Long Term Policy Recommendations

Summary of Feedback

CACH Safe Sleeping Public Engagement Session

Dec. 17, 2019

Participants were divided into groups and asked to brainstorm the needs the community has in designing potential new safe sleeping sites. The needs were divided into four categories: Operational, Outcome, Safety, and Other. Below is a list of the ideas generated. First are the priorities that were voted on by the participants. Following that are the ideas that each group generated (in no particular order).

PRIORITIES

Operational	Votes
Safe Sleeping programs that a 24/7, 365	11 1 st priority, 5 2 nd priority, 1 3 rd priority
Hygiene facilities on site	6 1 st priority, 4 2 nd priority, 1 3 rd priority
Safe parking (care/van/RV) program	3 1 st priority, 5 2 nd priority, 4 3 rd priority
No curfew	1 1 st priority, 2 nd priority, 6 3 rd priority
Neighborhood liaison/collaboration	2 1 st priority, 4 3 rd priority
Self-managed/self-governed	1 1 st priority, 1 2 nd priority, 1 3 rd priority
No mats/bedding on the ground	1 3 rd priority
Outcome	Votes
Services for mental health & substance abuse	7 1 st priority, 5 2 nd priority, 1 3 rd priority
Sheltering for all	6 1 st priority, 3 2 nd priority
Facilities need to be scalable to fit need	3 1 st priority, 2 2 nd priority, 2 3 rd priority
Improved communication/understanding between housing and unhoused	2 1 st priority, 3 2 nd priority, 5 3 rd priority
Self advocacy	2 1 st priority, 2 2 nd priority, 2 3 rd priority
Participants & neighbors knowing resources available	2 1 st priority, 12 nd priority, 3 3 rd priority
People getting housed	2 1 st priority, 1 2 nd priority, 2 3 rd priority
Pathway to permanent housing	4 2 nd priority, 2 3 rd priority
Serving needs of all living outside	1 2 nd priority, 1 3 rd priority
Safety	Votes
Conflict resolution within shelter and with neighbors	11 1 st priority, 6 2 nd priority, 2 3 rd priority
Dignity maintained	2 1 st priority, 3 2 nd priority, 1 3 rd priority
24 hour monitoring	2 1 st priority, 1 2 nd priority, 2 3 rd priority
Proper clothing (rain gear, etc.) provided	2 1 st priority, 1 2 nd priority
Agreed upon safety rules	1 1 st priority, 3 2 nd priority, 5 3 rd priority
Sharp disposal and health resources	1 1 st priority, 4 2 nd priority, 3 3 rd priority
Security staff for personal protection	3 3 rd priority
Confidentiality	1 2 nd priority
Other	Votes
Access to services	13 1 st priority, 2 2 nd priority, 4 3 rd priority
Prevention services for vulnerable	5 1 st priority, 3 2 nd priority
Meeting specific needs of specific groups	4 1 st priority, 3 2 nd priority, 3 3 rd priority
Housing students at UCSC and Cabrillo	2 1 st priority

Volunteer system	2 1 st priority, 2 2 nd priority, 1 3 rd priority
Cultivate compassion and mutual respect	2 1 st priority
Have Applied Survey Research (ASR) involved	3 2 nd priority, 5 3 rd priority

ADDITIONAL IDEAS PUT FORTH

Operational Needs

- Easy access for participants
- Collaborative to offer more services (easy referral for treatment)
- Supportive training (transformational) for participants to make changes (and follow rules)
- Low barrier
- Participants feel welcome
- Trauma informed
- Sensitivity to those with government authority issues
- ADA
- Preferably indoors but if not at least weatherized
- Centrally located or provide transportation
- Some kind of office/admin/supportive system
- Supplies food & clothing
- Big enough or more than 1
- Laundry and restroom facilities available

Safety

- Not to die/stay alive
- Hygiene kit
- Community engagement/education
- Learning how to engage with respect

Other

- Everyone deserves a place to sleep
- Volunteers from everyone in the community
- Outreach to the community at large
- Acknowledge everyone's values
- Somewhere for people who can't follow the rules
- List of identified homeless people
- Community building
- Autonomy
- 1 on 1 services
- Crisis services
- Mental health hub
- HSC renovation project
- Info leaflet/references/resources