

Homeless and Housing Task Force

Update for November 16, 2015

City Council Meeting

Council Goal

- Support and implement programs, activities and strengthen communication that enhances the quality of life and wellness, celebrates the arts and diversity and promotes civic pride

Mission

- Determine the need, existing services and gaps in services for homeless and those in housing crisis
- Identify resources to support development of an implementation plan
- Ensure stakeholder involvement
- Develop timeline and identify next steps to achieve mission

Immediate Tasks

- Identifying the Homeless Population
- Coordinating the Response
- Attracting Federal, State, County and Philanthropic Funds
- Preparing and Opening Warming Shelters

Warming Shelter

- City Council Authorized \$ 62,000 for a Pilot Warming Shelter from December 2014 to April 2014
- Coordinated by Building Futures, April Showers and Davis Street
- Triggered by cold weather (38 degrees) or anticipated rain

Warming Shelters 2014

- Opened for 15 nights
- 156 bed nights
- Approximately 10 to 14 persons served per night
- 31 male participants
- 93 percent were over 40
- 22 percent were 60 or older
- Women and children in San Leandro have other access points for shelter

Warming Shelters 2015

- Triggered by cold weather (40 degrees) or anticipated rain
- Anticipating effects of El Nino and associated rain
- First day of service is November 27
- 20 persons are already pre-registered
- City Council authorized up to \$105,000 for warming shelters and basic needs
- Additional funding from Alameda County for warming shelters and outreach (\$100,000)

Next Steps

- Continue to analyze the gaps in services for homeless population
- Human services gap analysis (completion by Spring 2016)
- Identify resources to support development of an implementation plan
- Develop options for a long term plan to address homelessness