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**City of Albany  
Homeless Task Force  
Thursday, February 21, 2013 – 7:00 pm  
Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Avenue – South Room**

**Meeting Notes**

Members present: April Anthony, Ruth Cashmere, Barbara Chambers, Brian Johns, Lisa Kleinbub, Gordon McCarter, Paul O'Curry, Sharon Pipkin and Steve Thrush.

Member absent: Julie Ann Winkelstein

Staff present: Ann Chaney and Isabelle Leduc

**1. Adoption of January 17, 2013 Meeting Notes**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Member O'Curry and seconded by Member Kleinbub to accept the January 17, 2013 meeting notes. Motion carried all in favor.

**2. Staff Update**

- Staff Leduc reported on the visit to the Bulb by the Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless Program that afternoon. According to County staff, 13 people were provided flu shots and other medical services.

**3. Report on January City Council upcoming meeting – Members Pipkin, Kleinbub and Winkelstein.**

- Members Kleinbub, Pipkin and McCarter reported on the presentation to Council January 22.

**4. Report on MHSA Advisory Committee – Member Thrush**

- Member Thrush reported that the Albany MHSA Advisory Committee met with Karen Klatt, Berkeley's MHSA Coordinator to gain a better understanding of MHSA and to also advocate for more services in Albany, particularly services for people who are homeless.
- A letter reiterating the Albany MHSA Advisory Committee's request was drafted and sent to Ms. Klatt as a follow up to the meeting.

## 5. Homeless Bill of Rights Overview – Member Johns

**Motion:** Motion to seek advice from WRAP on the Homeless Bill of Rights for the purpose of developing recommendations to Council was made by Member Thrush and seconded by Member Kleinbub. Motion carried all in favor.

- Homeless Person's Bill of Rights and Fairness Act (AB5) introduced by State Assemblyman [Tom Ammiano](#) and co-sponsored by, Western Regional Advocacy Project, Western Center on Law and Poverty, JERICHO: A Voice for Justice and the East Bay Community law Center could have long-range implications for anti-vagrancy and other ordinances in the state in order to "protect some of society's most vulnerable members."
- Why is this necessary? Why specific protections for a particular subgroup? Because as more and more people are being made very poor or homeless, exclusionary and discriminatory laws are targeting them in city after city and town after town.
- WRAP was created in 2005 by leaders from Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency, Coalition on Homelessness, San Francisco, Los Angeles Community Action Network, Real Change, Sisters of The Road, Street Roots, and Street Spirit.
- WRAP has developed a unique structure that combines street outreach, movement building, and national policy work, helping to bridge the local-national divisions that have hampered homeless advocacy for the last three decades.

## 6. Overview of plans, ordinances, issues applicable to the waterfront and parks – Ann Chaney

Staff Chaney provided an overview of plans and regulations for the waterfront area:

- McLaughlin Eastshore State Park Plan
- Albany General Plan
- Albany Zoning Ordinance
- Albany Municipal Code
- Voices to Vision
- Measure C (voter initiative)
- Regional Agencies: Bay Conservation Development Commission (BCDC); Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB); Bay Area Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

In summary, Chaney informed the Task Force that any option that recommends temporary housing at the Bulb, or continuation of the existing encampments, would be in conflict with the above plans and policies. Thus, amendments to these documents would be required.

## **7. Options on ending homelessness in Albany**

- Dignity Village
- Transitional Housing with assistance from a 501C3
- Enforce ordinance (return to open space)
- Permanent housing with supportive services
- Multi-service center
- Status quo

In the interest of time, staff suggested that they draft descriptions and pro and cons for each option, based on input received to date by the Task Force. Members Johns, Thrush, and Kleinbub volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to review the options before the next meeting.

## **8. Recurring item: Research on program that serve people who are homeless**

- RAM California Expedition Coachella Valley 2013 clinic
- RotaCare Richmond Grand Opening – Free medical clinic at Brighter Beginnings

## **9. Items for the Next Agenda**

- EveryOne Home overview – Presentation by Elaine DeColigny
- Needs Assessment - Sage Foster
- MHSA report from Member Thrush
- Homeless Bill of Rights –Members Johns & Thrush

## **10. Adjournment: 9:17 PM**