

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING BRIDGES AT KRAEMER PLACE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD



Wednesday, January 22, 2025
9:00 A.M.

CITY OF VILLA PARK
VILLA PARK CITY HALL | COUNCIL CHAMBERS
17855 Santiago Blvd. | Villa Park, CA 92861

Ward Smith – Chair
Placentia

Crystal Miles – Vice Chair
Villa Park

Sandra Lozeau
Anaheim

Blair Stewart
Brea

Carlos Franco
Buena Park

Kyle Chang
Cypress

Rusty Kennedy
Fullerton

Rose Espinoza
La Habra

Janet Keo Conklin
La Palma

Vacant
Los Alamitos

Leslie Hardy
Orange

Doug Becht
County of Orange

Donald Torres
Stanton

Tara Campbell
Yorba Linda

Rick Armendariz
Local Chief of Police

Leandra Blades
School District

Matt Cunningham
Local Neighborhood Assoc.

Monique Davis
Commission to End
Homelessness

Wesley Parker
Local Business Association

ATTENDANCE: Members Smith, Miles, Lozeau, Becht, Torres, Franco, Campbell, Chang, Kennedy, and Davis

ABSENT: Members Stewart, Blades, Cunningham, Espinoza, Armendariz, Keo Conklin, Hardy, and Parker

PRESENT: MERCY HOUSE Timothy Huynh, Chief Program Officer
CLERK OF THE BOARD Joanne Golden, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

CHAIRMAN SMITH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:08 A.M.

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Roll Call

THE CLERK CALLED ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM WAS MET

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of the October 23, 2024, regular meeting

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

11	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						X				X	X	X	X	X	X		X

2. Approve 2025 Bridges at Kraemer Place Community Advisory Board Meeting Calendar per new Bylaws

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

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3. Bridges at Kraemer Place Community Advisory Board Membership Form

DISCUSSED; THE MEMBERSHIP FORM WILL SATISFY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST SECTION IN THE NEW BYLAWS.

PRESENTATION:

4. Update on Bridges at Kraemer Place Shelter Operations by Mercy House

MERCY HOUSE CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER TIMOTHY HUYNH PRESENTED AN UPDATE ON CURRENT SHELTER OPERATIONS AND METRICS; IN PREVIOUS MONTHS, THERE HAD NOT BEEN FULL UTILIZATION OF THE BRIDGES SHELTER BEDS FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS (SHELTER CONSTRUCTION WORK, COVID-19 OUTBREAKS, LESS PREFERRED TOP BUNK BEDS, ETC.); CURRENTLY, THE BRIDGES SHELTER IS CLOSE TO BEING AT FULL CAPACITY, INCLUDING THE UTILIZATION OF TOP BUNK BEDS; IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT 56 BEDS ARE SET ASIDE FOR REFERRING PARTNERS (OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA), AND REGIONAL CARE COORDINATION), AND OF THOSE 56 BEDS, 82.6% WERE UTILIZED; TOTAL SHELTER UTILIZATION IN THE LAST QUARTER WAS 95%, COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE OF 91.1% IN PREVIOUS QUARTERS WITH THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY BEING 320 DAYS, DESPITE CONSTRUCTION, HESITATION OR LESS PREFERENCE FOR UPPER BANKS, AND OCCASSIONAL COVID-19 OUTBREAKS.

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SLIDE NUMBER 7 SHOWS THE NUMBER OF UNSHELTERED HOMLESS INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN THE NORTH SPA AS 3,227 BUT THE CORRECT NUMBER IS 1,646 INDIVIDUALS; 3,227 IS THE STATISTIC OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY; COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS REQUESTED TO HAVE COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS COME AND GIVE A SHORT PRESENTATION TO BETTER INFORM THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD OF THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH BRIDGES TO BETTER ADVISE MERCY HOUSE FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE BRIDGES SHELTER AND REPORT BACK TO THEIR APPOINTING CITY/ENTITY.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Member Chang – Oral Re.: Believes hearing from other providers may be beneficial; asked for information on other boards or meetings that address homelessness.

ADJOURNED: 10:15 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

*** VOTE KEY ***

(1st number = Moved by; 2nd number = Seconded by)

1 Ward Smith	10 Leandra Blades
2 Crystal Miles	11 Rusty Kennedy
3 Sandra Lozeau	12 Leslie Hardy
4 Doug Becht	13 Janet Keo Conklin
5 Blair Stewart	14 Matt Cunningham
6 Donald Torres	15 Rose Espinoza
7 Carlos Franco	16 Rick Armendariz
8 Tara Campbell	17 Monique Davis
9 Kyle Chang	18 Wesley Parker

A = Abstained
X = Excused
N = No Vote
B.O. Board Order

Ward Smith
Chair

Joanne L. Golden, Deputy
Clerk of the Advisory Board