



**CITY OF DANA POINT  
HOMELESS TASK FORCE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**December 15, 2015  
2:00 PM, City Hall Offices  
33282 Golden Lantern  
Dana Point, California 92629**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Scott Schoeffel, Council Member, called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Homeless Task Force of the City of Dana Point, California and made some introductory comments. He asked Director Ursula Luna-Reynosa to perform roll call.

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jens Christy  
Mary Perdue

Albert Scaduto

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Scott Schoeffel

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Fox, Heather Johnston, Ryan Burris, Margie Wakeham

**CITY STAFF LIAISONS PRESENT:** Ursula Luna-Reynosa (Director of Community Development), Lieutenant Russ Chilton, Sergeant Rich Himmel and Deputy Tobin Anderson

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** One member of the public was present.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

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**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Approval of the Task Force October 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

All Members were in favor. The Minutes were approved.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**2. Review draft Staff Report summarizing Homeless Enumeration Report findings and recommendations suggested by Larry Haynes**

**Ursula Luna-Reynosa** summarized the draft report and said she is targeting the January 19, 2016 meeting to present to the City Council. She asked the Task Force for assistance in describing rapid rehousing. She added that any other comments or suggestions are welcome.

**Jens Christy** stated that many people he has spoken to believe that the number of homeless is higher than what was reported in the Enumeration Report.

**Ursula Luna-Reynosa** replied that Larry Haynes shared that other Cities had similar reactions, but the report defines Dana Point's homeless population as people who sleep in the City, not transients.

**Councilman Scott Schoeffel** stated that a criteria must be set for the report. Many residents talk about the transient homeless and everyone has their own experiences with homeless. He added that now that he recognizes the difference, he is now seeing more transient homeless. The methods used by Haynes were sound and the recommendations were rational.

**Jens Christy** stated that the community is impacted by the homeless that are present during the day.

**Ursula Luna-Reynosa** stated that having programs in place will enable enforcement to be more proactive.

**Albert Scaduto** said that every shopping center has homeless people asking for money, but they are not sleeping in the City and that is what the public sees.

**Tobin Anderson** stated that the homeless population fluctuates with the weather. During the winter months, the homeless may choose to stay inside, but in summer months they are out and more visible. He stated that he thinks the number may be higher than 35.

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**Lt. Russ Chilton** stated that the City has made a great first step and they are making a start.

**Mary Perdue** stated that it is good to have a solid number with methodology behind it. She added that FAM (Family Assistance Ministries) is focusing on helping families with children and there are many programs going on to assist.

**Albert Scaduto** said that it would be futile to make a presentation to the Council without cost. He suggested to present a range of cost to implement a rapid rehousing program.

**Ursula Luna-Reynosa** stated that she will be meeting with Larry regarding the proposal after the holidays. She added that the proposal would span three years and having the SPDAT assessment would help to inform strategy.

**Councilman Scott Schoeffel** proposed that Mary Perdue work with staff to draft the Staff Report for the City Council and the Task Force agreed and approved.

### **3. Discussion**

**Albert Scaduto** said that the public needs to be educated regarding what should be done when they are approached for money. He stated that educating people of resources to help the homeless is a better way to address their issues.

**Councilman Scott Schoeffel** agreed and stated that public outreach would be a good topic for another Task Force meeting. He added that once rapid rehousing and other supportive approaches are recommended, public outreach can be a part of that package. Schoeffel stated that structure on how dollars are allocated must be presented, and he encouraged the Task Force to advocate publically commenting at City Council Meetings about these topics.

#### **D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Scott Schoeffel** stated that he would like to set monthly Homeless Task Force Meetings beginning in February 2016. Upcoming meeting topics will include cold weather and public education.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Homeless Task Force at this session, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.