

**CITY OF BUENA PARK  
NAVIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 20, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Recording Secretary, Sylvia Gonzales called the Navigation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Castaneda, Crumpler, Innocente, Jessup, Jih, McCann, Ross

Absent: Choi

Also Present: Jim Box, Director of Community Services

Mark Averell, Purchasing Manager

Sylvia Gonzales, Senior Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Timothy Huynh, Mercy House Representative

Yolanda Viramontes, Mercy House Representative

James Brooks, Mercy House Representative

Buena Park Police Representatives (3)

Susan Sonne, Buena Park Council Member

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chair McCann

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 8, 2020**

\*\*\* *M/S/P* – Chair McCann made a motion to approve and Committee Member Castaneda seconds the motion to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rebecca Kovas-Stein emailed a list of questions prior to the meeting.

1. Has BPPD independent of the public seen an uptick of any crime near the Navigation Center (1/2 mile radius or so).
2. Have residents near Navigation Center (1/2 mile radius) seen an uptick in anything unusual relative to the Navigation Center?
3. Has the Navigation Center case workers been successful in getting folks into bridge- housing or perhaps their permanent supportive housing?  
  
If so what are the numbers from the onset of Navigation opening?
4. Due to COVID, we understand that on-sight volunteers is not realistic. When COVID restrictions-are lifted, what are the top five types of volunteer activities the Navigation Center is in need of?
5. While the Navigation Center is not a drug or alcohol rehab facility, what has their process been when faced with a client with a substance use (SU) issue? Do they simply exit them to the street or connect to specific SU resources or other service provider?
6. What are the type of donations the Navigation Center has received? What is useful and what is not?

7. Has the Navigation Center collaborated with any local Buena Park business to attempt a jobs/vocational type training program for clients that may qualify?

8. Has the Navigation Center reached out to the local Buena Park carpenters Union for any potential training scholarships (or the like) for those clients that may qualify?

<https://www.swctf.org/centers/buena-park/>

9. Has the City of Buena Park considered hiring a full time social worker to be based out of the Navigation Center?

10. The Navigation center has a designated area for the services of KCS. Has KCS occupied that space at any time since the opening of the shelter? If not why?

11. Does KCS plan to collaborate with the CDC to get COVID vaccines into the Navigation Center for those that want it, to those that cannot get to vaccination sites?

Any attempt at answering questions is appreciated.

**3. CITY UPDATES/NAVIGATION CENTER UPDATES/PUBLIC SAFETY:** Jim Box updated the Committee Members on their roles as a member, testing for COVID at Ehlers Event Center, as well as the Community Services 2021 calendar. Timothy Huynh update the Committee Members on the status at the Navigation Center. Buena Park Police Department took questions and answers from the Committee Members.

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Food Guidance Policy – Presented by America on Track

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS:** Navigation Center Monthly Report – December 2020.

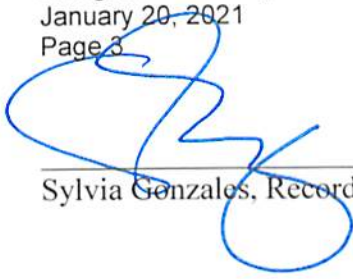
**6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** The Committee Members would like the next report from Mercy House to include length of stay.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Navigation Advisory Committee Meeting: April 21, 2021 at 10:00 am

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Recording Secretary declared the meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting January 20, 2021, at 11:10 am.

**ATTEST:**



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Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary



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Chair, Carol McCann