

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
NAVIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 21, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair McCann called the Navigation Advisory Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., City Hall Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Jih,

Also Present: Jim Box, Director of Community Services

Sylvia Gonzales, Senior Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Timothy Huynh, Mercy House Representative

Corey Sianez, Buena Park Police Chief

Buena Park Police Representatives (2)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair McCann

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 20, 2021

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. CITY UPDATES/NAVIGATION CENTER UPDATES/PUBLIC SAFETY:

Jim Box updated the Committee Members on the vaccine site at the Buena Park Community Center every Monday. Mr. Box invited the Committee to our annual Memorial Day celebration event on, Monday, May 31, 2021 at Ehlers Event Center. The sponsor for this event is the Noon Lions Club.

Timothy Huynh reported on the status of the operations of the Navigation Center. They have 95 residents currently in the shelter. The center is operating under limited capacity under the guidelines of the health care agency. Mercy House is collaborating up with the Orange County Health Care Agency to vaccinate the residents of the shelter as well.

Buena Park Police Officer Boudreau gave an update to the Committee Members on the transient's calls that are coming in to the police department. The encampments are declining and more transients are willing to go the Navigation Center.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion on (Interior Enhancements) Navigation Center – Presented by Jim Box
A Subcommittee was been established to enhance the Navigation Center who will consist of Committee Member Crumpler, and McCann. There will also be a city staff and Mercy House staff to represent this subcommittee.
- b. City of Buena Homeless Outreach Program – Presented by Rosemary Nielson

Rosemary Nielson introduced herself to the Committee and discussed how the program will run. Police Chief Sianez gave a brief overview on the current process of the homeless outreach program.

- c. COVID-19 Vaccinations at Navigation Center – Presented by Timothy Huynh
The Navigation Center has collaborated with the Orange County Health Agency and Fire Authority to offer the COVID-19 vaccine at the center. The first dose was administered to residents on March 23, 2021 and the second dose administered on April 20, 2021. Any of the residents can get the vaccine if they are willing to get it.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS: Navigation Center Monthly Report – March 2021.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Committee Member Ross asked Mercy House if there is any data on the percentage of residents who leave the shelter and go into a temporary or permanent housing. Committee Member Ross also offered to the Navigation Center an opportunity to give the vaccine to the residents of the Navigation Center. Committee Member Choi asked how the shelter defines the term chronically homeless. Committee Member Crumpler asked if the Navigation Center has a target goal for placement and commented on the homeless issues he has seen in Buena Park. Committee Member Jessup asked about what the committee members can and cannot do as far as reaching out to residents in Buena Park. Chair McCann asked Police Chief Sianez to define what a call for service is and how the homeless outreach liaisons will be involved with the new outreach program. Committee Member Crumpler would like to agendaize a discussion on how the intake process works at the Navigation Center. Chair McCann would like to agendaize a discussion on creating/identifying a dashboard on data and benchmarking.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:


- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Navigation Advisory Committee Meeting: July 21, 2021 at 10:00 am

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair McCann declared the meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting July 21, 2021.

ATTEST:



Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary



Chair, Carol McCann