

Homeward Bound Committee

City Council Chambers Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

If you have any questions regarding the Homeward Bound Committee meeting, please contact (760) 255-5122.

Item	Topic	Speaker/Presenter
1.	Call to Order	Council Member Barbara Rose
2.	<u>Introductions</u>	All
3.	New Business • Minutes – August 11, 2021	Christina Rudsell, City Clerk Services Manager
	Desert Regional Steering Committee Update	Amanda Hernandez, Economic Development Administrator
	Homeless Solutions Master Plan – Next Steps	Christina Rudsell, City Clerk Services Manager
4.	Old Business None	
5.	 Committee Member Comments City Staff Committee Member Angela Pasco-Ortez Committee Member Edy Seehafrer Committee Member Elaine Villareal Council Member Tim Silva Council Member Barbara Rose 	All
6.	Open Form Discussion • Public Comments	All
7.	Next Homeward Bound Committee Meeting/Topics • Wednesday, November 10, 2021	All
8.	<u>Adjournment</u>	Council Member Barbara Rose

Thank you.



Minutes for Homeward Bound Committee Meeting

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Minutes recorded and transcribed by Christina Rudsell, City Clerk Services Manager

OPENING REMARKS	SPEAKER/PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order Introductions	Tim Silva, Council Member All	 Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Introductions were made by all attendees. Council Member Rose, and Committee Members Pasco-Ortez and Villareal absent. Council Member Rose arrived at 5:04 p.m.
NEW BUSINESS		
Minutes – June 9, 2021	Christina Rudsell, City Clerk Services Manager	Minutes approved.
COVID-19 Crisis Update	Amanda Hernandez, Economic Development Administrator	Hernandez – briefly discussed the Delta variant.
Desert Regional Steering Committee Update	Amanda Hernandez, Economic Development Administrator	 Hernandez - stated that a voting member needs to be established to represent Barstow. She will seek clarification on if the representative needs to be a City employee.
Patriotic Villages	Amanda Hernandez, Economic Development Administrator	 Hernandez – discussed Patriotic Villages program that builds tiny homes to assist veterans with housing. Rose – suggested the PowerPoint info be sent to the Committee and asked to get a consensus on if the Committee would like to have Patriotic Villages present at a future meeting.
Police Department's Approach to Addressing Homelessness	Captain Andrew Espinoza and Lieutenant Chris Kirby	Espinoza - discussed Homeless Team collaboration between the Barstow Police Department, City of Barstow and SB County Behavioral Health.
Homeless Solutions Master Plan	Jeanette Hayhurst	Hayhurst – discussed the Feed Barstow program.

		 Hayhurst - discussed three components of the Homeless Solutions Master Plan. Silva - stated the plan should go to the September 20, 2021 City Council meeting for approval. Also discussed concerns with the location of a tent site and not being too close to residential areas. Rose - asked what the success rate is for other cities who have implemented similar tent programs. Suggested grant funding or even other potential funding sources such as the Indian Casino. Hernandez - discussed possible funding options for the Homeless Solutions Coordinator position which would be approved by the Council once a funding source is determined. Seehafer - suggested that the tent site not be overbuilt, but instead accommodate the current need. Suggested focusing on quality versus quantity. It was the consensus of the Committee to bring the Strategic Plan/Master Plan to the September 20, 2021 City Council meeting.
OLD BUSINESS		meeting.
None		
COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS		
Committee Member Comments	City Staff	 Rudsell – thanked all involved for their efforts with the Master Plan. Hernandez – encouraged all to attend the September 20, 2021 Council meeting.
	Eddy Seehafer	Discussed program to provide showers.
	Elaine Villareal	Villareal - Absent
	Angela Pasco	Pasco – Absent
	Tim Silva, Council Member	Silva – thanked all involved for their efforts with the Strategic/Master Plan.

	Barbara Rose, Council Member	Rose - asked each organization to send a representative to each meeting so everyone's voice and interests are heard. Thanked all involved for their efforts with the Strategic/Master Plan.
OPEN FORM DISCUSSION		
Public Comments	All	Rosenberg – thanked Hayhurst and Committee for addressing the homelessness issue.
NEXT HOMEWARD BOUND COMMITTEE ME	ETING/TOPICS	
Wednesday, September 8, 2021	All	
ADJOURN		
Adjournment	Barbara Rose, Council Member	Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.