



MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2019 | 10:00 AM
City Hall, Room 408 | San Francisco, CA 94102

Present:

- Chair Jonathan Adler*
- Vice Chair Diana Almanza*
- Secretary Stephen Irwin*
- Committee Member Craig Murdock*
- Committee Member Gabriela Avalos*
- Committee Member Nastassia Serina*
- Committee Member Scott Walton*

Excused:

- Committee Member Joseph Kenan*
- Committee Member Traci Watson*

Absent:

- Committee Member Vixen Yvonne*

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE TAKEN FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM AS INDICATED.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS *2 min*

Meeting began at 10:06 A.M. There was quorum.

I. MINUTES *ACTION*

A. May 2019 MINUTES **Chair Adler** *5 min*

The Committee reviewed the Draft May 2019 minutes.
Explanatory document - Draft May 2019 Committee Minutes
No public comment
Proposed Action: Approve Minutes.
M/S/C: Almanza/Irwin/Unanimous
May 2019 Minutes approved

II. NEW BUSINESS *DISCUSSION/ACTION*

A. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE **Subcommittee Chair Avalos** *10 min*

Subcommittee Chair Avalos provided an update from the Policy Subcommittee, which included information on the tours of the Navigation Centers being scheduled for Committee members and a proposed schedule for future Policy Subcommittee meetings.

III. REPORTS

DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. SHELTER STATUS REPORTS

Scott Walton (HSH) 10 min

The Committee reviewed the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's (HSH) Shelter Vacancy Reports. Member Walton stated that although the occupancy numbers for the congregate family shelters may be lower than expected, this was intentionally done to make sure that they can accommodate any unsheltered families found on the street. He also stated that the occupancy numbers were higher for the single-occupancy family shelter rooms.

Explanatory document- May 2019 Shelter Occupancy Report, May 2019 Bethel AME Count, May 2019 Family Shelter Occupancy Count

Public comment: A member of the public stated that a seven-night shelter stay at Bethel AME is an unacceptable violation of the shelter extension policy.

Member comment: Chair Adler asked the member of the public for his understanding of the shelter extension policy.

Public comment: A member of the public responded that all reservations should be for 90 days with a possible 30 day extension.

Public comment: Paul M. – Policy Director at Compass stated that he wanted to call attention to the report about vacancy rates at the First Friendship shelter. He stated that he also raised this issue at the LHCB meetings about clients denying reservations at First Friendship. He stated that the reasons for clients denying these reservations is available through Coordinated Entry.

B. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Scott Walton (HSH) 10 min

The Committee received an update from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, which included information on Mayor Breed's plan to open 1000 new shelter beds. Member Walton stated that the Department is currently working on an expansion of the beds at the Division Circle Navigation Center and that they will be working to expand the number of beds across the board. He also provided information on the SAFE Center model that was shared with the Committee last month and that there is a pilot program with the SFUSD. Member Walton also provided information on the updated shelter grievance training, which now includes a post-training test.

Member comment: Chair Adler asked if staff who didn't complete the training would be prohibited from issuing DOS's. Member Walton responded that it has always been the case that only shelter staff that have been through the grievance training can issue DOS's, but that the new component was the post-training test.

Public comment: Charles Pitts asked if there were any plans to implement adult programming at the shelters based at SF schools, such as vocational training, GED education or case management. He also asked if the shelter grievance

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