

CD 15 Working Group on Homelessness
Meeting Notes
July 11, 2018 – CD15 Watts Office

Bridge Home Site selection:

- No priority given to any of the 3 currently proposed.
- The ones that were included in the 7/3/18 motion are now in a stage of “extreme vetting”
- The sites are not final and have yet to be fully explored in this next stage of vetting.
- If all is approved, there will be a motion to formally select the sites.
- The vetting process is about 2 months. Many city lots were not eligible per requirements for TBH sites.

Deadline Clarifications:

- Mayor’s deadline for site selection – meet minimum criteria – July 31 (deadline for final vetting – September 2018)
 - CD15 has met this by submitting the 3 sites.
 - Criteria for site selection is taken from Executive Directive 24.
 - This is not a final site selection or proposal – just a draft proposal to meet the minimum requirements to receive funding.
 - Council motion is needed to finalize.
 - Final vetting will include input from CalTran and other entities who currently operate the sites.
- Need for talking points and increased transparency from Mayor’s office and CD15 office.
 - Casual Hall in Wilmington is moving – many did not know.
 - Need cohesive, clear, and easily disseminated talking points and other media collateral for TBH and overall initiative. Amber will collect from this WG and get help from United Way and CD15 office to finalize TP to disseminate.
 - Need to emphasize who is eligible for TBH – community pushback against proliferation of substance abuse through initiative and increased safety concerns for community.
 - Need to consider environmental safety and access to services when selecting sites.
- Development of an MOU – by all NC in CD15 regarding site selection and implementation of TBH.
 - The sites selected already lack local services (police, sanitation, etc). The community is hesitant and the MOU can help to articulate needs to Mayors office and CD15 office and establish a method of accountability and ongoing partnership.
 - MOU can serve as a vehicle for troubleshooting problems as the program rolls out and develop new versions to address barriers and challenges rather than “pulling the plug”
 - TBH intended to last 3 years and convert to permanent affordable housing – if TBH has significant issues the CD15 office is committed to “pulling the plug” on the initiative in district. Community opposes this philosophy to avoid another community initiative that is yet again abandoned mid-implementation, and rather seeks thoughtful and dedicated solutions, like an MOU and commitment to the issue.
- Central San Pedro Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T36DKLX>
- What happens after TBH?
 - Takes a bit of time to place into permanent housing – many are approved but awaiting space.
 - Target people eligible for permanent housing
 - Need ensure services and help them reconnect to the community – can this be a potential role for the NCs or the CD15 Work Group on Homelessness?)
 - Job training
 - Youth services programs and connecting with schools
 - Need to build a detailed list of resources