



Agenda Item No.: 49.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

DIRECTOR: STEPHEN KUHARSIN

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Report and possible action on the Cor- for - Hope Collaboration and Ten-Year Homeless Plan - All Wards

Fiscal Impact:

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division: Neighborhood Services Department

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Homelessness in Southern Nevada is an issue that requires everyone working together to effectively address. In 2009, the homeless census reported over 13,000 homeless persons in Southern Nevada, 2,000 more than the 2007 homeless census. Regional Partners in this effort include government (cities of Las Vegas, Clark County, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, State of Nevada), Metropolitan Police Department, homeless service providers, faith organizations, businesses, civic organizations and citizens. The purpose of this report is to provide information on how the community is partnering to address homelessness and the city of Las Vegas contribution to this effort.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Submitted after Meeting - PowerPoint Presentation by Staff

Motion made by GARY REESE to Accept the report

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

Utilizing the PowerPoint submitted for the record, LISA MORRIS-HIBBLER, Deputy Director, TYRONE THOMPSON, Neighborhood Planning and Initiatives Manager, and TYRA ULMER from Neighborhood Services, gave a presentation dealing with homelessness in Las Vegas.

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MR. THOMPSON commented on the funding and resources for the homeless, incentives for investments, key strategies of the 10-year homeless plan, the City's accomplishments and ways in which the City is moving forward.

Referring to the Census 2007, MS. ULMER indicated there are approximately 13,000 homeless individuals in Southern Nevada. This census is mandated and has resulted in over \$15 million for case management, housing and other related services for the homeless. The next census will be conducted in January 2011 and further information can be obtained via the website, www.helphomehome.org. Collaborative partnerships included the City of Las Vegas, Clark County, North Las Vegas, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Henderson, State of Nevada, local non-profit and faith-based organizations, as well as volunteers. In addition, there were additional funds totaling \$3,627,355.00; however, this year will result in a five percent reduction.

MS. ULMER explained the 10-Year plan involves a) strategizing to increase the availability of sustainable housing, b) strengthening partnerships and/or capacity of community and faith based organizations, c) preventing individuals/families from becoming homeless and d) facilitating the transition from homelessness through case management and support services. This plan is consistent with the regional homeless plan.

MR. THOMPSON reported on the City's accomplishment since 2006. Over 63,000 individuals have received assistance and in July 2007, the Council approved \$300,000.00 for a homeless pilot program. As a result, 100 households were rapidly housed and/or relocated with families or other states, intensive case management services were provided and the majority served in the last three months was from the Corridor of Hope. Many of those served were recently homeless due to the economic downturn, and in moving forward, the number of homeless individuals and families may increase. In addition, available funds could be scarce due to budget cuts.

MR. THOMPSON asked for Council's direction to meet with County and City staff to discuss ways to leverage resources and to fund the regional committee on homelessness. He thanked the City for allowing staff to address homelessness and the opportunity to collaborate. He also thanked community partners for their endless efforts.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON clarified that staff is seeking approval in the amount of \$314,000.00 and \$257,000.00. These amounts are the City's portion for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, which comes out of the General Fund.