



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

City of Anaheim OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2019
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: GENERAL HOMELESS UPDATE

ATTACHMENT (Y/N): NO **ITEM # 02**

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Update on homeless efforts in Anaheim.

DISCUSSION:

At the December 4, 2018 City Council meeting, Council Member Barnes requested staff provide an update at each council meeting relating directly to the temporary homeless shelters being constructed in the City of Anaheim.

The Salvation Army Temporary 224 Bed Shelter:

The Salvation Army shelter, located on Lewis Street north of Cerritos Avenue was dedicated on January 31, 2019, and intake of homeless individuals began on February 1, 2019. The shelter is fully operational; however, residual construction items are still in progress, including parking lot lighting and striping, utility connections to the last restroom unit, installation of a commercial clothes washer and dryer, and completion of fencing. City staff will continue to coordinate with the Salvation Army's operations staff and contractor to address any remaining facility needs. With the opening of the Salvation Army shelter, the city now has 424 emergency shelter beds.

Kraemer Emergency 101 Bed Shelter:

The temporary shelter located at 3035 E. La Mesa Street continues to move forward as a 101-bed low barrier temporary shelter. Construction on the interior of the building started on January 5, 2019. The contractor has completed the interior demolition and started framing, drywall, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, fire line, flooring, painting and sewer replacement. A separate contractor for the exterior work began construction on January 28, 2019. This work was slightly delayed due to the rain and scope revisions. The scope revisions include limits of work in coordination between the contractors and adding the exterior painting of the building. The project is on schedule to be complete by the end of February.

State College Interim Emergency 200 Bed Shelter:

On December 20, 2018, the State College Interim Emergency Shelter (“Interim Shelter”) opened for services and may remain open until March 14, 2019 to allow for a seamless transition to the city’s two temporary shelters. On February 1, following the opening of the Salvation Army shelter, residents have been transitioned from the Interim Shelter to the Salvation Army shelter. Due to recent rain, the transition was slow, however it is now picking up and as of February 7, 2019, 25 individuals have been transitioned to the Salvation Army and 179 individuals reside at the Interim Shelter.

It is important to highlight the transition of residents: two case managers from the Salvation Army visit the Interim Shelter daily to talk with the residents and answer questions and share information about the shelter. This was implemented to relieve concerns and any anxiety related to moving. City Net who is most familiar with our residents, and was therefore tasked with coordinating the daily transition between Illumination Foundation and the Salvation Army. Once residents are identified, City Net provides transportation at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. from the Interim Shelter to the Salvation Army for intake (10a.m. and 2p.m.). This incremental plan was developed to ensure success for the residents and the Salvation Army shelter. Further, it frees-up beds at both shelters thereby providing bed options to our teams who continue to conduct outreach and enforcement of our laws. Staff has already begun conversation with Illumination Foundation for the transition of residents to the Kraemer Shelter.

The Interim Shelter continues to serve its intended purpose, providing shelter during the coldest months and during the rainy season. Illumination Foundation has increased its staff to 28FTEs, including six (6) bathroom attendants to ensure assistance around the clock. The remaining concern continues to be the trailers, primarily water leakage from showers and some drips; city staff, Illumination Foundation and stakeholders continue to work together to resolve this issue on a daily basis.

The city will continue to address each and every concern raised. This interim shelter has provided services and shelter to over 340 individuals who would not have otherwise had shelter. In the meantime, the city has been able to restore our parks and sidewalks and return them to our community.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

This update has no budgetary impact. The budget for the construction of the shelters and services was previously approved by Council.

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