

Lemos, June

From: Linda Jo Stern <lindajostern@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 5:32 PM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: comment on 8D - 12/9/19 City Council Meeting

Good afternoon, June. I would like to submit a comment regarding the city providing a bridge loan to Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center (MCHC) so that MCHC will have sufficient funds to run the winter shelter until MCHC receives payment from the county.

I would urge the council to approve the bridge loan. This would be very important for MCHC so that their cash flow is not severely affected given that they will not have the county money upfront.

I would also suggest that the loan be made with no interest attached to it. The interest lost to the city could be considered the city's small financial contribution to the functioning of the winter shelter which benefits community members of the coast. Perhaps I am mistaken, but I don't think there are city funds that go to the running of the winter shelter. It doesn't seem quite fair that a nonprofit who is providing a service gets paid after the fact by the county and then in order to start the shelter must receive a loan for which it has to pay interest.

I would also suggest that the stipulations for the repayment of the loan be made a bit flexible to account for the well-known delay in receiving county funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Jacob Patterson <jacob.patterson.esq@gmail.com>
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Fort Bragg City Council [BCCd],

The staff report for Item 8D concerning the City's support of the Winter Shelter includes the following consistency analysis:

"CONSISTENCY: The current City Council does not have a goal specific to shelters or homelessness but historically the City Council has supported the work of MCHC and the work of the Homelessness Ad Hoc Council Committee."

I believe this may refer to the City Council's goals and priorities list. However, the City's two general plans include a relevant policy and related programs in their respective housing elements that could have been included in the Consistency section but were not: Inland General Plan Policy H-3.9 and Coastal General Plan Policy H-3.10, which I have pasted below for your consideration of this agenda item.

Since all City decisions must be evaluated for consistency with applicable General Plan goals, policies, and programs, the recommendations and City Council action/direction should factor them in. In my opinion, the recommended action of providing the bridge financing to MCHC for the operation of the Winter Shelter is clearly consistent with applicable policies in the City's housing elements, and any Council action taken on this item would need to be included in the Annual Progress Report (APR) concerning the City's implementation of Programs H-3.9.2 and H-3.10.2. (Note: this applies to the new or amended policies that will be in effect when the updated housing element is certified by HCD and/or approved by the Coastal Commission and is in effect rather than the references I provided to the programs in the prior versions of the City's housing elements.)

Regards,

--Jacob

Inland General Plan Policy H-3.9 Emergency and Transitional Housing: Continue to support emergency shelters, transitional housing and supportive housing within the City.

Program H-3.9.1 Ongoing Estimates of the Demand for Emergency Housing: Continue to work with the Fort Bragg Police Department and homeless service providers in the community to maintain ongoing estimates of the demand for emergency housing in Fort Bragg and to develop strategies to meet that demand
Responsibility: Community Development Department
Financing: City Scheduling: Annual update

Program H-3.9.2 Inter-Agency Cooperation: Continue to work with private, non-profit, County, and State agencies to provide transitional housing, supportive services and emergency housing for the homeless.

Responsibility: Community Development Department

Financing: City, CDBG

Scheduling: Ongoing

Quantification: 20 transitional units for the Housing Element period.

Program H-3.9.3 Transitional and Supportive Housing: Continue to regulate transitional and supportive housing as a residential use subject to the same restrictions that apply to other residential use types and dwellings of the same type in the same zone.

Responsibility: Community Development Department

Financing: City

Scheduling: Changes to the zoning code have been completed. Implementation is ongoing.

Program H-3.9.4 Emergency Shelters: Continue to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use in the General Commercial (CG) zoning district.

Responsibility: Community Development Department

Financing: City

Scheduling: Changes to the zoning code have been completed. Implementation is ongoing.

Coastal General Plan Policy H-3.10 Emergency and Transitional Housing:

Program H-3.10.1 Ongoing Estimates of the Demand for Emergency Housing: Consult with the Fort Bragg Police Department and homeless providers in the community to maintain ongoing estimates of the demand for emergency housing in Fort Bragg.

Responsibility: Community Development Department

Financing: City

Scheduling: Ongoing

Program H-3.10.2 Inter-Agency Cooperation: Work with private, County, and State agencies to provide emergency housing for the homeless.

Responsibility: Community Development Department

Financing: City

Scheduling: Ongoing