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From: k silva <hiksilva@mcn.org>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 1:23 PM
To: Jourdain, Brenda
Subject: Fwd: Comment on Agenda Item No. 7a - February 13, 2017 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Peters, City Councilmembers, and City Manager~

I can't attend tonight's City Council meeting and I have two comments on Agenda Item No. 7a:

(1) I hope that the City Council will request that MCHC include simple statistics in future reports when sharing information about their services. For example: the report in the agenda states that there were 23,167 meals served at the Hospitality House in 2016. It's a large number and at first glance it looks like many people were probably being fed daily. But if 32 people were served 2 meals per day for 366 days (2016 was a leap year) the total number of meals served would be 23,424. It will be easy to include numbers in the report that show the actual number of people being served, i.e. "an average of 31 - 32 people were served 2 meals daily" or "an average of 63 total meals were served each day" or something that makes it easy, at a glance, to determine how many people are using their services. I suggest that the same be done with the 7,597 "bed nights" number, along with their other (laundry, showers, etc.) statistics.

(2) I was glad to see the City Manager's memo focusing on interviews with downtown business owners. I understand their concerns. The same undesirable behavior listed in Point 4 of the memo, with the addition of drug-dealing, loose dogs, and food littering, has occurred at Bainbridge Park. I ask that you keep it in mind when considering how to solve these problems so they aren't just moved to a new location. I've seen the ineffectiveness of the method used by MCHC staff to deal with their clients who lived nearby and exhibited similar behavior, over a long period of time, at the park. I agree with the suggestion that a behavior-based model for access to services might be more effective and equitable. I hope that the City Council will suggest that it be adopted, and perhaps other methods be explored, by Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center.

Thank you for considering my comments. I will have more to share at the Public Safety Committee meeting on February 15.

Sincerely~
Kathy Silva

To: Fort Bragg City Council at Council Meeting 2/13/17, From: Andrea Luna,
aluna@mcn.org

Re: Support for Winter Shelter for the Homeless in Fort Bragg, and other Homeless Issues

1. I'm a former downtown business owner and have lived in downtown Fort Bragg since 1997.
2. I've participated the Extreme Winter Shelter Program as a member of the Mendocino Coast Jewish Community when we host it at our Caspar Shul.
3. This EWS is an important and valuable piece of Hospitality House/ Center's work and I appreciate it, and the community's and City's support for this program.
4. I feel that Extreme Winter Shelter, needs to be reframed as "Winter Shelter", and available every night: no one should be sleeping on the ground any night during our Coastal winter.
5. I request that the City Council commit to support this evolution by eliminating the existing temperature criteria in the use permit.
6. Homelessness is a complicated problem, here, and nationally.
7. I want to address two social issues, that inform any consideration of homelessness in our community.
8. First: Lack of affordable housing is a huge factor. The visibly unsheltered are not the only ones impacted. There are seniors who have worked their whole lives, are now living on Social Security and SSI, who can find no place to live if they lose their lease. People lose Title 8 vouchers because there are no affordable rentals available. If someone gets off the street into Transitional Housing, after two years, what are the odds on them finding a place to live on a minimum wage salary?
9. I have two specific requests of the Council that relate to having no place to live: 1) Replace the bench that was removed from the corner of Franklin and Redwood. The people that were using it hang out there because they have no home, no living room. 2) There are complaints that homeless people defecate in the alleys. If you are living on the street, and its after 8pm there are no public bathrooms. We need more bathrooms downtown.
10. The Second Elephant, and perhaps the biggest: The backlash and prejudice against the homeless that complicates the problem. That's harder to solve. This issue is messy and

intractable. We are all hard pressed to stay compassionate while we work as a community to find solutions to the problems.

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I would like to speak to the Council under "Public Comments on Non-Agenda, Consent Calendar & Closed Session Items"

I do not wish to speak but want to submit the following comments to the Council

NAME: Arromarie Weibel

COMMENTS (ONLY IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO SPEAK): Hi in case I am not here anymore please read that I do not approve that people who want to use the Coastal Parks are charged such high fees while Assemblwoman Fletcher-Gonzalez from San Diego introduces Assembly Bill 250 to fight for low income

families, especially African Americans to be able to benefit from the ocean + also live in low income

houses close to the

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NAME: Anne Marie Cesario

COMMENTS (ONLY IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO SPEAK): Who makes up the
timeline the organization has to
abide by for completion of the project on
Franklin St. ?

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From: James Hooper <pinejdh@mcn.org>

Date: February 12, 2017 at 2:00:05 PM PST

To: <LPeters2@fortbragg.com>

Cc: <Wlee@fortbragg.com>, <MCimolino@fortbragg.com>, <Bnorvelle2@fortbragg.com>

Subject: Re: 17-095 - Attachment 3 - 02-13-17 Homeless memo - View.ashx

Reply-To: James Hooper <pinejdh@mcn.org>

I **do not** recall the county welfare and mental health offices at the Avila Center, nor the large social services office in the Affinito building when they were existing on South Franklin Street, nor the Food Bank on North Franklin Street, nor the Pilot House, nor Project Sanctuary continually having law enforcement and the ambulance coming to their locations nor being a nuisance by attracting as a hangout trouble makers, druggies and dangerous individuals.

I **do** recall former clients and managers with articles mainly in the Anderson Valley Advertiser who were willing to put their name on trying to tell the public what was really going on inside HH and the related drug dealings.

The experience San Rafael has had with the Ritter House now requiring them to relocate should tell the City of Fort Bragg officials that such services are incompatible within a central business district and in residential areas. When you have business owners and residents nearby concerned about their safety, the trash including human waste, open drugs abuse, individuals prone to violence, violent cursing at others, immoral behavior, criminals on the run, child molesters, and who knows else it is obvious the presence of HH and HC where they are located has been worsening. At the credit union they are now accompanying their employees to their cars making sure they can start them and leave safely. At Figueiredos one of the employees who has opened the store in the morning often finds trash and "campers" some of which have threatened her. The Post Office has had to close its doors at night due to dangers posed by uninvited occupants who also leave trash behind so customers can no longer drop off mail or receive from their rented mail boxes during off hours (This appeared in the Advocate News. Certainly not good PR for inviting visitors). I have even seen in the last few months raging individuals yelling and chasing after anything that moves. That is clearly a danger to pedestrians, children and the elderly.

So when you consider what it was like before years ago and what the presence of HH and HC is attracting and causing now, clearly HH and HC have not only become a **nuisance**, but also a

safety issue. A comment by one individual says it all “Why should we give up our safety and rights for the irresponsible who now have more rights than we do!” Interestingly, HH and HC stubbornly claim they have that very “more rights” to stay where they are. Everybody agrees that the mentally ill need help and the truly needy need aid. I believe the city should seriously consider separating the service for the truly needy to another organization(s). That mental health go to a service with an excellent track record. And as for HH and HC it is generally agreed HH and HC need to relocate to a **secure** area outside an urban setting.

To do nothing means the conditions will only get worse.

On Monday night I will be unable to attend the Council Meeting. Could one of the Council members please bring up these issues and enter this into the record. Thank you.

From: [Judith Valadao](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 9:53 AM
To: [James Hooper](#)
Subject: Re: 17-095 - Attachment 3 - 02-13-17 Homeless memo - View.ashx

Listening to the scanner they usually get several calls everyday and also get calls at HC

From: James Hooper <pinejdh@mcn.org>
To: Judith Valadao <j.valadao@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 10:00 PM
Subject: Re: 17-095 - Attachment 3 - 02-13-17 Homeless memo - View.ashx

I see where HH had yet another ambulance call for someone there unconscious from alcohol.

From: [Judith Valadao](#)
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 12:41 PM
To: [James Hooper](#)
Subject: Re: 17-095 - Attachment 3 - 02-13-17 Homeless memo - View.ashx

I talked with Jennifer Carlson of Well House West and Linda DID NOT go talk to her. Attached is a photo Jennifer sent me yesterday.

From: James Hooper <pinejdh@mcn.org>
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Item 3 I do not agree with. I like 10 a.

I got to talk to a MTA driver on Thursday. He said he is going between Fort Bragg and Ukiah. He said that the “homeless” are being given vouchers for free rides to come here. He said many of these vouchers are coming from churches. He mentioned some of these people are so “out of it” they had no idea where they were going. That tells me they are being directed here. It should be pointed out to at least the churches over there that we do not have the services to accommodate them as there is an overflow into our community and it is definitely a disservice to direct them here.

I came across a Mark Twain quote: “If you can pick up a starving dog and make it prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principle difference between a dog and a man.”

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My name is Annette Reynolds
I manage Figueiredo's Video.

I was dealing with
homeless problems on Figueiredo's
property before the Hospitality
Center moved in & it has
only gotten worse.

I drive by every morning
on my way to my other
job to make sure the
area is safe for my
employees to get in the
door. I drive by on my
lunch hour and almost
daily I have to tell
one or more "people" this
is private property to
move on. Some leave
others cuss me out.

What bothered me the most
lately was the 10 gallon
container of oil that was
left next to the belongings
of the man I had chased
away the day before.

EVERYONE says that the

only thing that oil would be used for is to start a fire. What was someone going to burn?

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Figueiredo's video ~~before~~ because I'm forever chasing them away @ Old Coast Hotel because their not getting help there or some other Business The Post Office is now closed because of their behavior.

We tried to warn you. Now it looks like everyone is going to pay.

The only profits will go to Anna Shaw and her group. 10% of all grants to the city. And Lynelle Johnson who says the old coast hotel is her legacy.

Doesn't Anna Shaw know only 3% of people that enter in drug/alcohol ~~programs~~ ~~programs~~ make it.

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Yes the people I chase away in the morning say they are waiting for the Old Coast Hotel to open.

So yes Anna, they are your people and when you did your homeless count on January 26, did you remember NOT to count the ones you don't allow in your centers.

Yes I am tired of the garbage, tired of having to pay to have trees trimmed to make less hiding places for them to smoke "whatever" + drink alcohol

And what happened with the 10 Beds + mental health help the 1.2 million dollars was supposed to go for?