

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE Meeting Summary Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Present: Stacey Carrasco, Erika Flores, Al Guzman, Veronica Casas Hernandez, Eric Reed, Anahi Ruvalcaba, Kerri Ryer, David Ulate

# 1. Land Acknowledgement

## 2. Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the November  $4^{\text{th}}$  meeting were accepted without modification The agenda was accepted without modification

# 3. <u>Board of Trustees Resolution</u>

Judy Miner will support a Board of Trustees resolution in support of our SB 169 grant application. The committee developed a draft resolution. Eric will wordsmith and forward to Susan Cheu for final changes and approval.

The resolution will go to the board for approval at the regular December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 4. <u>Project Siting Priorities</u>

Stacey is responsible to develop our proposed siting criteria / priorities for any affordable housing project. Stacey led a brainstorming session today.

The following were identified as priorities:

- Transportation options
- Location
  - May be measured in miles or minutes to campus
  - Consider distance via public transportation and private car
- Child Care
- Employment options
- Safety
- Proximity to services such as grocery and health care
- Parking

Stacey will continue to develop this document

### 5. Eligibility and Priority for Housing

Erika is responsible to develop our proposed siting criteria / priorities for any affordable housing project. Erika led a brainstorming session today.

The following were considered:

- Students are living in cars, couch surfing, living on the street, and traveling far to attend classes in our district.
- Prioritize lowest income students, however these students may still not be able to afford our "affordable" housing. Need to make sure nobody is left out.
- Consider a sliding rent scale
- Consider a mix of students. Some students may still find it attractive to pay fair market rent if the location is convenient, and this can help subsidize other students
- If we accept SB 169 funding, we have a \$1375 cap on rent. We recognize that this is not affordable, and anticipate a lower rent generally. This does put a limit on the amount that higher income students can subsidize lower rents.
- Need to consider emergency situations.
  - Will we have emergency shelter for students who have a change in their situation?
  - O Will we charge rent in this case?
  - Emergencies don't tend to resolve themselves within a month, how long would they be able to stay?
  - O What transition services can we offer?
  - Consider partnering with Bill Wilson, Catholic Charities or other organizations that have expertise in this area.
- Would local students have priority over non-local students or vice-versa?

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Meeting Adjourned at Noon