



AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE
Meeting Summary
Thursday, October 14th, 2021

Present: Stacey Carrasco, Erika Flores, Eric Reed, Kerri Ryer, David Ulate

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the September 30th meeting were accepted without modification
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3. Grant Application

Administrative response may have been discouraging based on the assumption that on campus housing may not be financially sustainable/possible, it was still permission to go ahead and draw up the proposal so the taskforce will move ahead. Eric will reach out to Susan to ask what the operational costs are that the district will require for on campus housing.

Biggest obstacle is that we would need board approval but there is not a board meeting scheduled before the 10/31/21 deadline. Eric reached out to Patrick about the possibility of a special meeting being called. Administration and the board may be on board with this grant application as it is a feasibility study only.

Eric is working to assess how much money we should ask for to cover feasibility, visualization, architectural planning, and potentially funding for committee participation and anything else the taskforce may need to fund.

A technical assistance webinar on 10/12/21 that covered the application and FAQ's.
Recoding available.

The community college league has two contractors the colleges can work with for feasibility studies as they have already submitted bids, but colleges can work with contractors outside of the list.

We need to complete the Supplemental application and the Capital Outlay Budget Change Proposal.

We agreed submit as a district rather than submit one application for each campus. If forced to choose, we discussed that Foothill may be prioritized over De Anza because Foothill has less of an opportunity to develop off-campus housing.

Based on area median income and using the guidelines for determining possible rent, maximum rent we could potentially charge is \$1,323.75 per month which at this point seems feasible for maintaining operations.

Kerri shared all of the colleges she reached out reported they are able to afford upkeep, management, cover positions dedicated to housing as well as directors of student services, resident life directors, and other full-time positions to maintain housing and services while keeping rents at an affordable level without being under-funded or needing to subsidize from other budgets. She will share budget spreadsheets from the colleges on Slack.

Grant draft discussion:

- We can go beyond the minimum requirement for this grant and add data about our students and our region.
- Need to gather data, via new surveys or past surveys, on housing insecurity on both campuses, as well as data on how many students are low-income and would qualify for this housing. What are the demographics of these students and how would this project meet equity goals?
- Seek data about students who did not return to school, dropped some or all classes, or apply but did not attend because of commute or housing issues.
- Need data about how or if commute and housing has impacted enrollment.
- David will reach out to Deborah from Gensler for data from the facilities master plan and Eric will contact Mallory from De Anza IR about past survey data on basic needs and housing.
- Consider a new survey to students asking about their ability to pay rents at different tiers.
- How many units will be available? How do we come up with that number?

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.