

**South Beach | Rincon | Mission Bay
Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes: Monday, June 12, 2017**

Present: 5 Board members, 2 presenters, 40 residents

Welcome / Introductions: Katy Liddell

Homelessness – a conversation with Jeff Kositsky and Jane Kim

Jeff Kositsky, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim joined us for a conversation on the number one topic of most community meetings in San Francisco: Homelessness

The Department of HSH, launched in July 2016, works in close collaboration with other city agencies such as the Department of Public Health (DPH), Public Works (DPW) and the Police (SFPD) to address homelessness in San Francisco thru such programs as:

- **San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team (SFHOT)** – connects unsheltered homeless with services, medical care, and shelter
- **Homeward Bound** – reunites homeless individuals living in SF with family willing and able to offer ongoing support.
- **Eviction Prevention** – provides services that include funds to pay back rent to prevent eviction, one-time rental assistance, etc.
- **Coordinated Entry System** – Realistically evaluates wait times for a range of services so people in need can make informed decisions on their options, including possibly rejoining family.
- **Transitional Housing** – provides homeless with a place to live for up to two years while they work toward self-sufficiency and housing stability
- **Emergency Shelters** – provides short-term emergency shelter for up to 90 days

Homeless Facts and Figures provided by Jeff Kositsky:

- It is not illegal to be homeless; therefore police cannot arrest someone for living on the streets
- There are 7,200 units of permanent supportive housing in San Francisco with a 12% turn-over rate
- There are 1,500 temporary shelter beds in San Francisco
- On any given day in San Francisco, there are 3,500-7,200 homeless individuals on the streets
- The homeless population in San Francisco increases about 2% each year
- In San Francisco, 40% of homeless individuals are African American
- 35% of homeless in San Francisco suffer from some sort of disability

- California ranks 47th of 50 on spending money on homeless
- From 1970 to 1980 in San Francisco, 3,700 housing units were built in San Francisco; since 1980, only 1,000 housing units have been built

Other comments by Jeff:

- The Department of HSH services about 15,000 homeless individuals in San Francisco per year
- Since 2005, 25,000 individuals in San Francisco have been helped out of homelessness
- There are currently 14 different databases used in San Francisco to track homeless individuals and data; the Department of HSH is working to consolidate this into one database
- Over the next year, the Department of HSH is looking to add 200+ permanent housing units and 350 temporary shelter beds in San Francisco
- The Mayors of San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland will be meeting to discuss standardizing homeless programs and data sharing, as well as establishing a uniform definition of what homelessness is; they will then reach out to the greater Bay Area (covering 9 counties)
- The Department of HSH is currently addressing the homeless encampments at Showplace Square; next on their list are the encampments on Brannan Street, Cesar Chavez, and Berry Street

Followed by Q&A.

For more information on the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, go to <http://hsh.sfgov.org/>

Next Meeting: Monday July 10th.