South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday April 12, 2021

6:00PM-7:00 PM

ZOOM VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETING

ATTENDEES

MINUTES

4 Officers, 3 Directors, 3 Presenters, 14 residents

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: MONDAY 5/10: MISSION ROCK UPDATE

TOPIC RescueSF

• **WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS** (Alice Rogers)

A Presentation by RescueSF founding members

Founding members Lori Brooke, Mark Nagel, and Carolyn Kenady spoke about how RescueSF began in early 2020. A group of concerned residents gathered to discuss the homeless crisis in San Francisco. They were very engaged and wanted to help, to do something productive. Some felt compassion, while others felt frustration with our government's ineffectiveness in dealing with the problem, and the impact the issue has on our residents and businesses. RescueSF is a citywide coalition of residents advocating for compassionate and effective solutions to homelessness in San Francisco. They collaborate with residents, neighborhood associations, and businesses across the city, as well as the various agencies, service providers, non-profits, and philanthropies involved in dealing with this issue. They also reach out to the City Supervisors, who are very glad that the residents are organizing to address homelessness. They organized a 'speaker series' of presentations from various experts and shareholders (available here on RescueSF's website).

Mark spoke about the three-prong approach to addressing and impacting the homeless crisis:

- 1. End Street Sleeping (and stop the flow of more people into homelessness). Mark spoke of the 'housing ladder:' a range of housing options available to homeless residents culminating in stable housing for all. The stage they are advocating for now is "interim shelter" and are promoting small (one-room) prefab cabins (72-square feet), in designated "community" sites selected by the City. Multiple cabins would be placed at these sites, along with a mobile hygiene unit (toilet, sink, shower) shared by the residents. The same one-room units can be used for on-site supportive services 'offices'. All the units are temporary mobile structures. The cost of this one-room unit is \$ 10,000 per cabin. The service provider would cover security and other services for the community.
- 2. Keep people housed
- 3. Address behavioral health needs

Carolyn spoke of Supervisor Mandelman's legislation "A Place For All" to shelter those who are on the streets or in their vehicles. For more info, click here. The SF Supervisors will hold a budget meeting on Wednesday 4/21 and will discuss this legislation. For anyone interested in sending an email to the Supervisors in support of this legislation, here is an email template to send to the Supervisors before the 21st.

Learn more about Safe Sleeping Sites: Tuesday April 13th at Noon (via Zoom). Lena Miller, CEO of Urban Alchemy, runs safe sleeping sites in San Francisco and Los Angeles and she will join RescueSF. Hear her first-hand experience about how safe sleeping sites operate and their track record. A recording of this presentation will be available soon in the Past Events section for the RescueSF website here.

For more information on RescueSF, visit their <u>website</u>. To contact RescueSF, email to <u>info@RescueSF.org</u>

Followed by Q&A.

To view the Zoom meeting recording, click here. Password: 6Bw4%*cV

Next Virtual Zoom Meeting: Monday, May 10th, 6pm. Mission Rock Update