

Addressing Homelessness

Navigation Center Proposal



April 18, 2019

Overview

- Background
- Navigation Shelter Proposal
- City Council Actions
 - Declaration of Shelter Crisis
 - Declaration of Intent to Create Navigation Center
 - Purchase and Sale Agreement
 - Appropriation of funds for Purchase

WHY ARE WE HERE?

- Protect our neighborhoods
- Return public spaces back to community
- Enforce laws
- Control our own destiny



Point-in-Time Census and Survey

2017 and 2019

2017 Results - Sheltered

- PIT count was ONE night only. Numbers were not based completely on actual head count, but rather on statistical extrapolation
- 89 individuals are in Transitional Housing or Emergency Shelters

2017 Results - Unsheltered

- 119 individuals were counted as unsheltered/homeless

2019 Point-in-Time Count

- Volunteers attempted to get a true head count of homeless individuals living in shelters and outdoors, as well as those in vehicles
- The 2019 count occurred over TWO days and nights - January 23rd and 24th, - from 3 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight. The results have not been released
- Due to the more accurate counting method, there will likely be an increase in the number of homeless. The official count has not been released

Countywide Challenges and Federal Lawsuits

- A massive encampment grew - Santa Ana River Bed
- Approximately 700 homeless individuals camping.
- Santa Ana's Civic Center had an even larger homeless population.
- When the County moved to clear the homeless from the river bed, advocates for the homeless filed Federal lawsuits
- They claimed the homeless were driven there when surrounding cities started enforcing their anti-camping and loitering ordinances



Federal Authorities

Limitations placed on Anti-Camping Ordinance by Court

KPCC

Judge Halts Clearing of Orange County Homeless Encampments



LISTEN 1 min



An Orange County sheriff's deputy patrols the homeless encampment along the Santa Ana River near Angel Stadium on Jan. 22, 2018. A federal judge ordered the county on Feb. 7 not to enforce anti-trespassing laws in the area until the court holds a hearing on the issue scheduled for Feb. 13. (Jill Replogle/KPCC)

- The cases were consolidated and assigned to Judge Carter of the 2nd District Court in Santa Ana
- Soon after the cases were filed, Judge Carter issued a Temporary Restraining Order prohibiting the County and named cities from clearing the encampments until alternatives could be found.

Which cities or entities have been sued?

- The County of Orange and cities of Orange, Anaheim, Tustin and Costa Mesa were sued, Santa Ana was enjoined
- Cities of Irvine, Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, and San Clemente were enjoined in lawsuit
- Judge Carter has been working with all 34 Orange County cities to identify solutions to the homeless challenges
- Huntington Beach has not been sued at this time – but have been informed we will be sued

Impact of Federal Lawsuits on Cities

- Anaheim, Santa Ana, Costa Mesa and Tustin have opened homeless shelters
- Shelter residents must have ties to those cities
- The above cities are now enforcing their anti-camping ordinances, which may increase the homeless population in Huntington Beach

What if We Do Nothing?

- With Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, Tustin and Anaheim enforcing their anti-camping ordinances and park closing hours, homeless can no longer camp in their parks, sidewalks and civic center.
- Enforcement efforts against those who refuse to sleep in a shelter could simply serve to push homeless into cities that do not have a shelter.
- If the HBPD is to enforce anti-camping, trespassing and loitering ordinances, officers must be able to offer the alternative of a Huntington Beach shelter bed. Officers currently do not have that ability.
- Potentially costly lawsuits against the City can be avoided with a shelter.

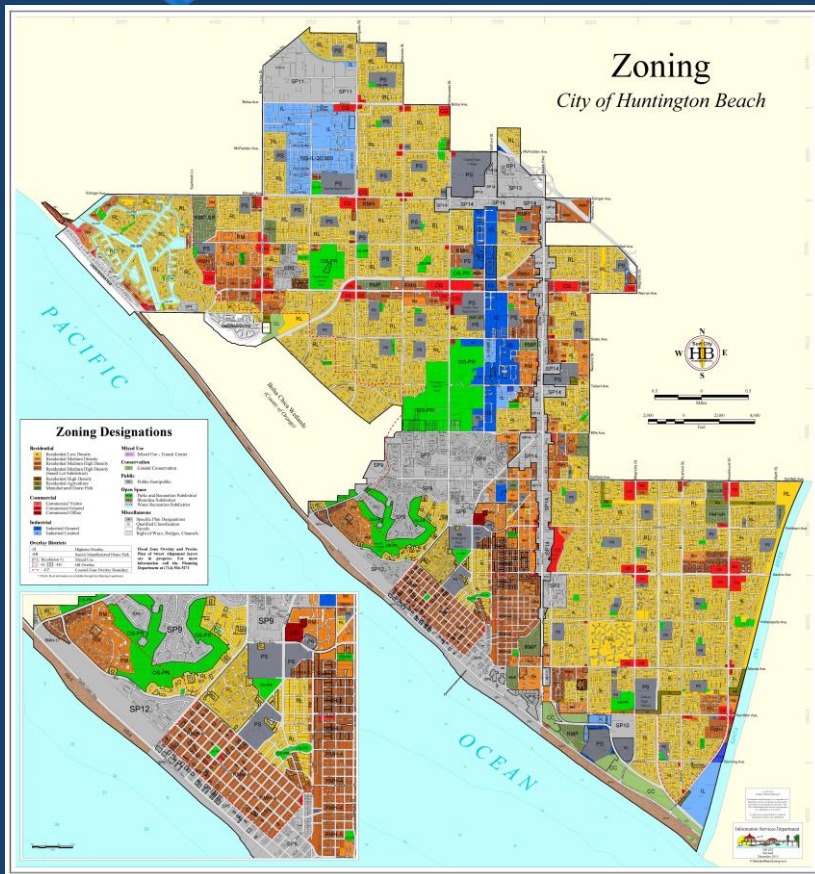


Huntington Beach Proposed Navigation Center

WHAT TYPE OF SHELTER MUST HUNTINGTON BEACH CREATE?

- To serve our HB homeless, an emergency homeless shelter facility should have low barriers to entry, be ADA accessible, and serve men, women, and couples.
- Only HB homeless will be permitted in the HB shelter.
- As of the 2017, Point-in-Time Count the number of unsheltered was 119 homeless individuals

WHAT SITES DID WE CONSIDER?



- Huntington Beach considered **28 separate sites**
 - Sites located in Industrial “SB 2” Zone
 - **26** Industrial Zoned areas reviewed
 - Two City-owned sites
- Let's review a GIS map of the City – discuss site selection overview

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in Huntington Beach

FACT SHEET



15311 Pipeline Lane, Huntington Beach

Specifics

- 75 to 90 bed shelter/11,200 sq. feet
- Nearest residential - 1,380 ft.; nearest school - 2,819 ft.; nearest park - 2,300 ft.
- City to hire security for 24/7 coverage on-site, as well as a 24-hour hotline to report concerns
- No "walk ins" or "walk outs"
- Clients must be screened and go through an approval process prior to being accepted to the Center
- Clients will only be driven to the site and/or away from the site. No loitering on or near the site
- Site will be fenced around the property
- Enhanced Huntington Beach Police Department service
- Length of stay — up to 90 days
- No clients with open felony warrants or registered offenders
- Serve adult men, women and couples
- Pets allowed - muzzled

Potential Partnerships

- City will issue a Request For Proposals for a highly qualified Shelter Operator
- Operator will need to provide shuttle services and case management

Community Outreach

- An Open House is scheduled for businesses/employers near the site on Tuesday, April 9 from 4 to 6 p.m.
- A Community Open House for residents will be held Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Central Library

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **75 to 90 Bed Emergency Shelter**
 - ✓ Women
 - ✓ Men
 - ✓ Couples
- **No Walk-in/Walk-out**
- **By referral only**
- **Clients must be pre-approved**
- **Length of stay — 90 days**
- **No open felony warrants**
- **No registered sex offenders**

Who Can Use the Navigation Center?

- The Navigation Center will serve Huntington Beach homeless men, women, and couples with strong ties to the community, such as:
 1. Last Permanent Address in Huntington Beach; driver's license, utility bill, rental agreement, bank statements, car registration, or other documentation as such.
 2. Children enrolled in Huntington Beach school (proof of enrollment), employed in Huntington Beach (proof of paystubs), graduated from a Huntington Beach high school (proof of graduation).
 3. Huntington Beach Police Department verification.

Shelter Examples



No signage
identifying the Center



Blends with other
industrial buildings

No processing of
clients outside the
building



SAFETY AND SECURITY

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THE **SAFETY** AND **SECURITY** OF HUNTINGTON BEACH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IS OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN.

All decisions by the City and shelter operator will be driven by this factor first.

GOAL: To provide the most effective shelter that protects the well-being of the residents, businesses and visitors of Huntington Beach

MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS PLAN The shelter operator must work with the City and Police Dept. to develop its management, operations and security plan.

SAFETY AND SECURITY **KEY COMPONENTS**

- **ENHANCED POLICE PRESENCE** HBPD Officers will be working in the area surrounding the site to help ensure public safety
- **24/7 ONSITE SECURITY AND HOTLINE** 24/7 on-site security will prohibit loitering around the facility and a 24 hour hotline will be provided
- **HIGH DEFINITION DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE** of the facility to provide supplemental security assistance and to identify any policy violations
- **PERIMETER FENCING** The proposed facility will be entirely enclosed within newly installed security fencing. The fence will be eight feet in height and installed around the entire perimeter of the site

SAFETY AND SECURITY **KEY COMPONENTS**

- **NO LOITERING** Security guards will enforce a strict policy prohibiting loitering around the facility
- **NO “WALK-UPS”** Admission will be by referral only and the facility team will coordinate client transportation to and from the facility before any clients travel to or exit from the property
- **NO “WALK-OUTS”** Individuals exiting the facility must have a pre-arranged transportation plan (Those who violate that rule will be subject to loss of rights to return to the facility)
- **GATES** will be locked and access controlled

SAFETY AND SECURITY **KEY COMPONENTS**

- **STRICT HOURS** There will be strict hours of ingress and egress during which clients may be admitted and discharged
- **PROFESSIONAL SHELTER OPERATORS** will oversee and manage daily operations with the guidelines and standards established by the City according to best practices and our specific needs
- **EXCLUSION OF VIOLATORS** Any individual who cannot abide by the rules of the Center, will be excluded from future services
- **INTAKE SCREENING** Each individual will be vetted by performing a personalized intake interview. Certain individuals – those with open felony warrants and sex registrants – are prohibited

Community Engagement

City of
Huntington Beach

Community Invited!

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN HB OPEN HOUSE

The City is considering opening a shelter at 15311 Pipeline Lane later this year.

We invite you to come and:

- Share your thoughts and provide input
- Hear from City staff, law enforcement, community partners and experts in shelter operations
- Learn more about the City's approach in dealing with this complex issue

**Saturday, April 13, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon**

**Central Library
7111 Talbert Ave.
Rooms C & D
RSVP: 714.536.5577**

www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/homelessness



Open Houses and Community Meetings

- **Tuesday, April 9, 2019** – Business Open House
- **Saturday, April 13, 2019** – Community Open House
- **Monday, April 15, 2019** – City Council Study Session
- If Center is approved, additional community events will be scheduled as needed
- More information can be found on the City's website at:
 - www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/homelessness

Stakeholder Advisory Board

- To assist with the oversight of the Navigation Center and to facilitate ongoing community engagement, it is recommended that a Stakeholder's Advisory Board be created
- The Advisory Board could be comprised of various community stakeholders including:
 - Residents
 - Nearby businesses
 - School District Representatives
 - Non-profits and faith-based organizations
 - Other Stakeholders

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City has identified restricted and one-time funds for the purchase of the Pipeline Property.

Cost of 15311 Pipeline is \$2,744,000, closing cost is estimated at \$106,000

Redevelopment Dissolution Assignment – This set-aside was established as a contingency due to the Redevelopment wind-down (2012). The funds were intended to mitigate one-time impacts of disallowed Redevelopment costs. \$1,080,000

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan – Monies from prior year's allocations that have not been loaned are available. \$766,000

CDBG Unprogrammed Allocation – Monies from prior year's projects savings that have not been expended are available. \$223,000

Residual Receipts – This fund has been used to help cover disallowed Redevelopment costs such as bonded debt for senior housing. Funding of \$781,000 is available for housing uses. 24

NEXT STEPS

- Request for Proposal to be released for a qualified shelter operator
- Request for Proposal for a security firm hired by the City
- Design services for tenant improvements
- Request for Bids for tenant improvements
- Acquisition of furniture and fixtures

QUESTIONS?