

CITY OF BUENA PARK
NAVIGATION CENTER OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
January 15, 2025

1. GENERAL

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair McCann called the Navigation Center Oversight Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

b. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jessup, McAuley, McCann, Morrison

Absent: Innocente, Macapagal, Ross

Also Present: Jim Box, Director of Community Services

Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant

Rosemary Nielsen, Homeless Outreach Supervisor

Analisa Marquez, Homeless Outreach Coordinator

Saul Contreras, Senior Office Assistant

Timothy Huynh, Chief Program Officer Mercy House

Officer Bourne, Homeless Liaison Officer

Officer Lovetere, Homeless Liaison Officer

- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Jessup

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 16, 2024:

***M/S/P – Commissioner McAuley motioned to approve the minutes from October 16, 2024. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

4. DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF REPORTS:

a. **City - News and Recent Happenings**

Jim Box, Director of Community Services, invited Commissioners to apply for the Community Academy and informed the Commission on the new Council approved Military Banner Program.

b. **Navigation Center/Mercy House - Recent Happenings**

Timothy Huynh, Chief Program Officer, informed the Commission on Holiday events that staff planned for residents and updated the Commission on the services and programs provided at the Navigation Center including an update on rehabilitation services. Timothy Huynh, Chief Program Officer, updated the Commission on the men's restroom completed construction renovation project.

c. **Homeless Outreach/Public Safety Update**

Analisa Marquez, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, updated the Commission on statistics for the months of October through December which included shelter bed availability, family reconnections, assistance provided, and individuals and families that are on a waitlist. Officer Bourne, Homeless Liaison Officer, informed the Commission on the transient population from out of town and which areas have been scheduled for a clean-up. Office Lovetere, Homeless Liaison Officer, updated the Commission on the Hope Center and informed the Commission on the issues that occur from not having a cold shelter space.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Selection of New Chair and Vice Chair
Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant, informed the Commission on the elections and the selection of a new Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner McAuley nominated Carol McCann for Chair. Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion. Vote passed 4-0. The Commission decided to postpone the selection for Vice Chair until next Commission meeting.
- b. Update on Ad Hoc Committee Addressing Homelessness
Rosemary Nielsen, Homeless Outreach Supervisor, updated the Commission on the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee before bringing the item forward to City Council. Matt Foulkes, Director of Community and Economic Development, informed the Commission on the City's ADU policy and State requirements for housing and development. The Commission motioned to move forward and take the Ad Hoc Committees recommendation to City Council. Motion moved forward with a vote of 3 yes votes and 1 no vote.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Navigation Center Monthly Report – September 2024 – October 2024
Timothy Huynh, Chief Program Officer, informed the Commission on the length of stay of residents and the approach Mercy House staff is taking to assist with residents to move into permanent housing.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, ATENDANCE

- a. Commissioner Morrison commented on Holiday events at the Navigation Center. Commissioner McAuley commented if it would be possible to attend Holiday events at the Navigation Center. Chair McCann thanked Commissioners for their input and invited Commissioners to the City Council meeting on January 28th.
- b. Attendance Report

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next City Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Next Regular Commission Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair McCann declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

ATTEST:


Ariana Chavez, Senior Administrative Assistant


Chair, Carol McCann