



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 8, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration, Housing and Human Services Division, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Stakeholder Committee To Consider Additional Off-Street Parking Opportunities For Persons Living In Oversized Vehicles

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council form an ad hoc stakeholder committee to consider additional off-street parking opportunities for persons living in oversized vehicles, and appoint at least two Council members to serve on that committee, along with Kristine Schwarz, Executive Director of New Beginnings Counseling Center, in order to bring recommendations to Council.

DISCUSSION:

On October 18, Council approved an Ordinance that restricts oversized vehicle parking on City streets. At that meeting, Council also approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Stakeholder Committee, including the New Beginnings Counseling Center, to consider additional off-street parking opportunities for persons living in oversized vehicles.

Staff recommends that the meetings be conducted with a format similar to those for the Council Subcommittee on Homelessness that were held in Fiscal Years 2008 and 2011. Those meetings were run by an elected chair, and recommendations were formulated by the three Council-appointed committee members. Interested stakeholders were included in discussions, which assisted the subcommittee in forming the recommendations. The City Attorney has advised that the committee will be subject to the Brown Act, therefore, public noticing of all meetings will be provided. In addition, a stakeholder list will be developed to ensure participation by interested parties.

The scope of the ad hoc stakeholder committee is two-fold:

1. Locate and consider additional overnight spaces for oversized vehicles in the Safe Parking Program; and

2. Locate and consider new daytime spaces for oversized vehicles in the Safe Parking Program, and work with New Beginnings Counseling Center to expand the Safe Parking Program to include monitoring of the daytime spaces.

Sue Gray, Community Development Business Manager, has been assigned as staff lead to the committee. Other City Staff assigned to support the committee include; Ariel Calonne, City Attorney; Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director; Lt. Dan McGrew, Police Department; and Rob Dayton, Public Works Principal Transportation Manager.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are no anticipated expenses related to the formation of the committee; however, recommendations from the committee may include requests for funding to secure additional off-street oversized vehicle parking opportunities.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office