



X Street Navigation Center Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6 PM – 7:30 PM

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Highlights from the meeting chat and any materials shared during the meeting are below in the meeting minutes.

Attendance:

- Adrienne Hall, St. Hope Academy
- Allison Joe, District Representative
- Amanda Bayard, Volunteers of America NCNN
- Amani Sawires, Volunteers of America NCNN
- Anne Mazur, , Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association
- Bobby Lister, St. Hope
- Cheyenne Caraway, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- Eric Fay, Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association
- Hillary Coy, District Representative
- James Landreth, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- Jay Schinerer, Sacramento Vice Mayor
- Joan Borucki, Greater Broadway District
- Mark Meeks, City Church of Sacramento
- Mimi Budd, Curtis Park Neighborhood Association
- Nathan Cox, Sacramento Department of Community Response
- Rachel Davidson, Downtown Streets Team
- Sarah O'Daniel, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- Sharon Eghigian, Sacramento resident
- Stacy Javis, NBNA Board Member
- Terri Galvan, Community Against Sexual Harm

Agenda Items:

Agenda Item	Presenter(s)	Time	Item Type
I. Introductions	Vice Mayor, Jay Schinerer	6:00 PM (10 minutes)	Informal
<p>Vice Mayor, Jay Schinerer called the meeting to order around 6:05 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance of 20 participants. • Explained that the purpose of this meeting is to let people in the community know what is taking place the the X Street Navigation Center to make sure that all questions and concerns are heard. 			

II. VOA+DCR: updates on outreach, numbers, guest updates	Amani Sawires (VOA) Nathan Cox (DCR)	6:10 PM (20 minutes)	Hlghlights
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Amani Sawaires (Chief Operating Officer, VOA) provided some highlights about the shelter operations:

- Shelter opened on 9/21/21.
- Our referral focus is on the encampments in the immediate vicinity of the shelter and the 95817 area.
- We expect to be at full capacity by the end of November.
- We're almost 30-days in and we have seen roughly 95 guests, 68 of those are actively enrolled guests.
- Some highlights:
 - 73% of enrolled guests appear to consist of chronically homeless individuals. HUD designates individuals as chronically homeless if they have been continuously homeless for over a year; OR has had four (4) or more episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness must also have a physical, developmental or mental disability that hinders their ability to maintain gainful employment.
 - 44% of referred guests are 55 years of age and older
 - 63% Male
 - 59% are reporting as BIPOC
 - 7% report being a veteran
 - 75% report having a Drug Abuse Disorder
 - 56% report having a Mental Health Issues
 - 47% report having a disability
 - 15% report having a developmental disability
 - 7% report being HIV+
- We are managing the daily operations of the shelter with 22 highly performing VOA Staff members, consisting of leadership, case management, housing and support team members.
- We are using the Housing First model and partnering with about 20 local community agencies currently working with VOA and SHRA are collectively working to offering medical, mental health, pet and other services to support the guest on their path to housing.
- We have been working with American Legion Culinary Academy and Purple Pig to create meals, collaborative learning and employment development opportunities for the guests.
- We're also working with the Community Wellness Forum to engage other Oak Park Community Partners.

Q&A

Eric - **What is the 44%?**

VOA - 44% of referred guests are 55 years of age and older

Mimi – **How are they testing for COVID?**

VOA – Weekly tests take place at the shelter (All) Staff and Guests.

Jeff – **What is the plan to handle those with Drug Abuse and get them clean and sober?**

VOA – 10% of guests are voluntarily asking for connections to AOD Services. We are also actively working with community AOD Service Providers that offer intervention and prevention services. So, there are lots of options for the guest to choose from.

Mimi – **Do you have to engage the county to take advantage of the Mental Health resources?**

VM, Schinerer – Sac City and County has been working on a partnership agreement where the County will be able to provide AOD services for shelters running cooperatively with the County. More information to come in the future.

Sharon – **What is the referral process and what has the referral experience been like?**

VOA – Will defer that to Nathan and the DCR Team for more insights. So far, we have 15 organizations that has been providing us referrals.

DCR – We are focused on engaging the chronically homeless in the immediate encampments. The good work being done at X Street is

Jeff – **It’s taken 30 days to get to the 68 guests. Was that planned or slow part growth? Did this impact costs?**

VM, Schinerer – There was always a plan to scale up. Staffing and security challenges did keep us from getting to 100 occupied beds right away but we will be there within the next few weeks, once the staffing and camera items are resolved. Impacts to costs should be insignificant.

Sharon – **Is it just DCR going out to bring people in to the shelter? Where are they coming from?**

VOA – We outreach to the neighboring encampments and also follow-up on the referrals from the 20 community partners in the 95817 area. Focus on the encampments is our highest priority.

VM, Schinerer - Some additional referrals came from Safe Ground because of flooding, but the focus will be the original agreed upon focus in Oak Park and Curtis Park.

DCR – We have 6 Neighborhood Resource Coordinators and will be adding more. The collaborative relationships are proving to be beneficial

III. SHRA: data and report	Cheyenne Caraway (SHRA)	6:30 PM (20 minutes)	Highlights
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Cheyenne Caraway (Program Manager, SHRA) provided some highlights about the shelter administration:

- Information about the X Street Navigation Center will be published on SHRA’s website at <https://www.shra.org/x-street-navigation-center/>
- General Information, Weekly and Monthly Reports and other relative content will available.
- A walkthrough of the first Monthly Report for the shelter was presented to the team.
 - Admissions – number enrolled
 - Spotlight – Personal Message from a guest
 - Age, Gender, Race – Demographics
 - Location prior to entering the shelter – where the guest is coming from
 - Exits – number exited
 - Total Guest Bed Nights
 - Total Guest Meals Served
 - Total Admitted Animals (aka Pets)

Q&A

Adrienne - **I am noticing that some people are moving closer to the shelter from other areas. If someone moves closer to the shelter 2-3 weeks ago from another area over a mile away, how will that persons be counted? As an encampment or from another area?**

James L. – In this example, the person would be counted as part of the encampment. Shelter location is captured at the time of outreach and confirmed again during enrollment at the shelter.

Jeff – Voiced concern that the encampments are growing due to migration from other areas in to T Street, X Street and Broadway.

Mimi – **What are the reasons for the the exits?**

Amani – Domestic violence and Non-compliance with policies related to drug use.

IV. Downtown Streets: provide/introduce more information on Downtown streets in connection with the navigation center	Rachel Davidson (DST) Heather Frick (DST)	6:50 PM (20 minutes)	Highlights
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Rachel Davidson (Director of Sacramento Area, DST) provided some highlights about their program:

- Introduced Heather Frick (Project Manager, Sacramento). She will be involved in the DST efforts at Meadowview and X Street.
- The DST team members were actively involved in outreach prior to the shelter to build trust with those in the encampments and to build the list of guests ready to enroll with the doors opened.
- Started employment workshops on a weekly basis – working as part of the Community Beautification Team (CBT).
- 13 guests have become active members of the DST CBT and will be going out in to the community picking up litter and debris in the immediate area and encampments. They will will be sharing their stories and experiences at the shelter to try and get others from the encampments to want to also seek out the shelter as a solution to their current situation.

Heather Frick (Project Manager, Sacramento DST)

- Excited to be going out with the guests to engage with the local encampments.
- Debris bags be provided to the encampments so they can also bag up their own trash for pickup.
- Will also be focused on outreach and relationship building within the community.

V. Q&A: set date for next meeting in beginning of December	Vice Mayor, Jay Schinerer	7:10 PM (20 minutes)	Highlights
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VM, Schinerer – **Encouraged any of the community agencies or partners that are interested in a tour of the shelter location to contact his office. Also encouraged the attendees to also invite other to future meetings.**

Stacey – The Good Neighbor Policy (GNP) states that a direct contact name and phone number for the X Street Navigation Center to reach the shelter operations directly. Who is that person?

MaryLiz – General questions about the shelter can be directed to hquestions@shra.org. The GNP has been updated. We also have FAQs on the SHRA.org website.

VM, Schinerer – We will also look in to this a bit further and report out any updates.

X Street Navigation Center

Monthly Report - September 2021

Opened September 21st, 2021



ADMITTED

Admitted Guests: September

24

Recap

September

- 24 people admitted
- 5 people exited
- 19 occupancy as of 9/30/21

Program Total

- 24 people admitted
- 5 people exited

The shelter opened September 21st of 2021, which only provides data for the 10 remaining days of this reporting period.

SPOTLIGHT



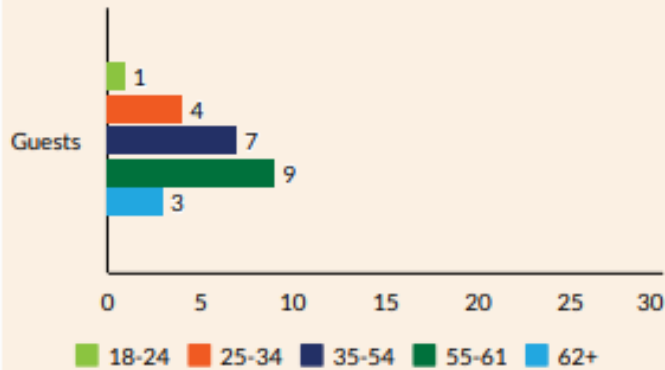
What is the best thing that happened to you this week?

"Just being at the shelter and not having people bother me on the street."

Marcie
Guest

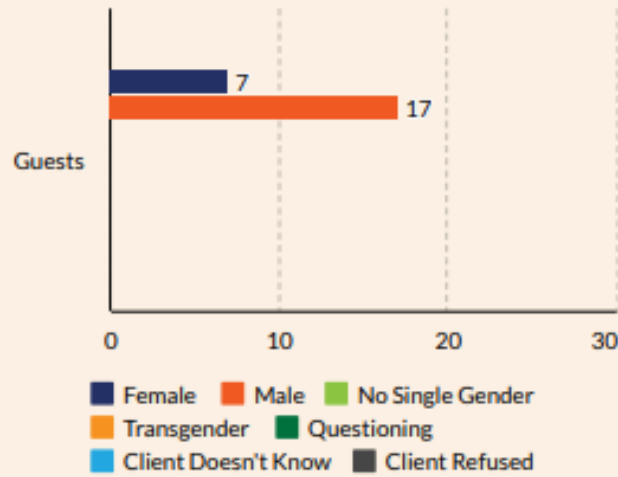
AGE

Admitted Ages: September



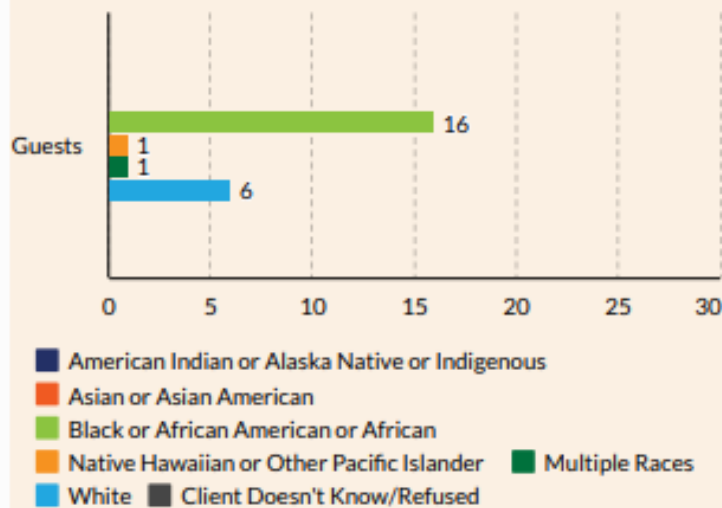
GENDER

Admitted Genders: September



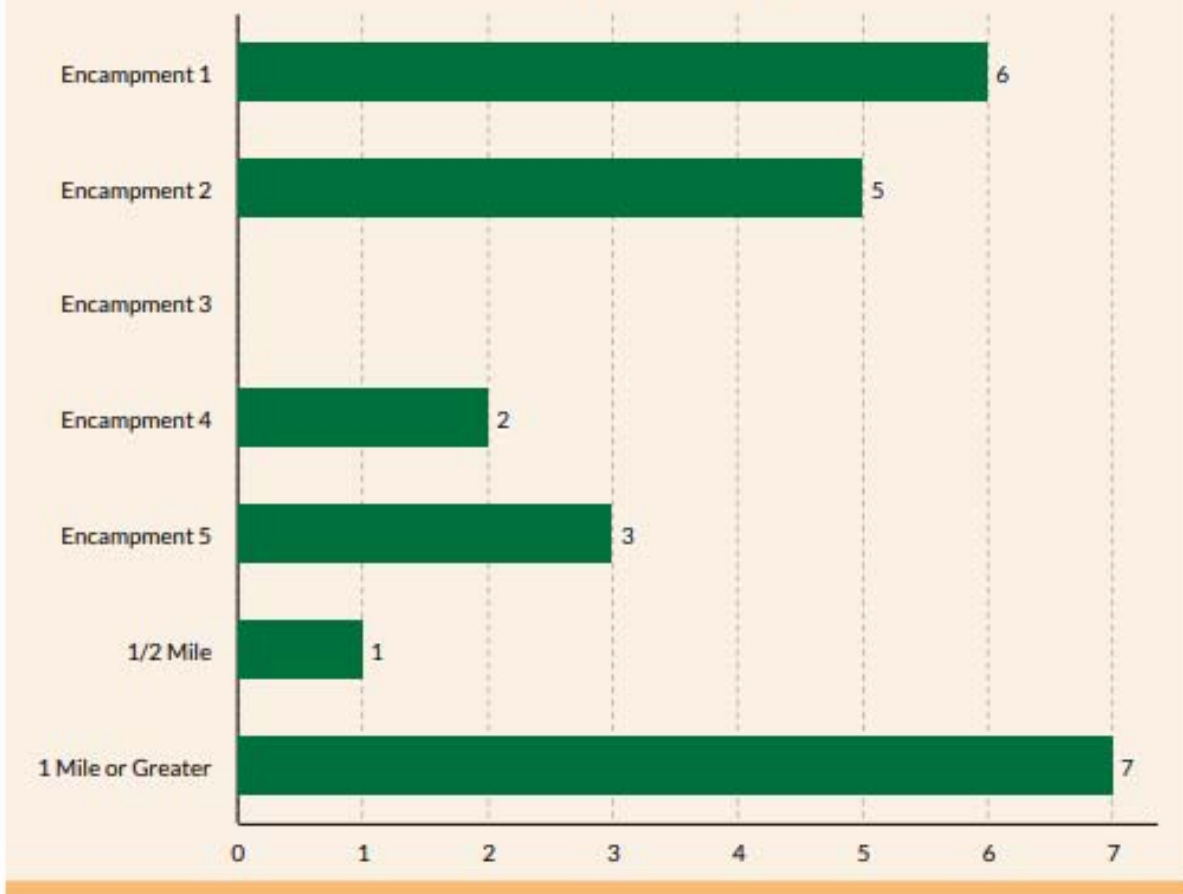
RACE

Admitted Races: September



ADMITTED ENCAMPMENTS

Admitted Encampments: September



Admitted Encampments:

Refers to the different parts of the city where Guests were found living prior to entry into the shelter.

Defined Terms

Encampment 1

Located near X Street and Alhambra.

Encampment 2

Located near 26th and X Street.

Encampment 3

Located near W Street and Alhambra.

Encampment 4

Located near 30th and T Street.

Encampment 5

Located near Broadway and Alhambra.

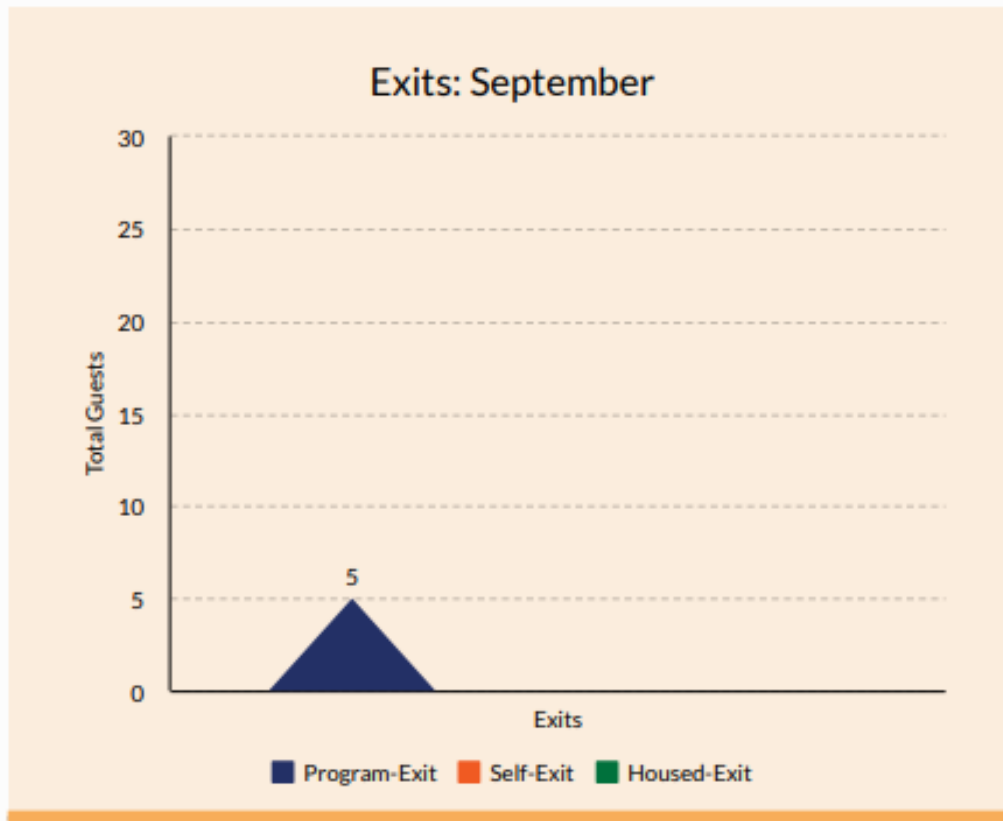
1/2 Mile

The guests previously lived in an uninhabitable area less than 1/2 mile outside of the shelter.

1 Mile or Greater

The guests previously lived in an uninhabitable area 1 mile or greater outside of the shelter.

EXITS



Exits Defined

Program-Exit:
Exit based on noncompliance of program rules.

Self-Exit:
Exit based on the Guest leaving the program of their own choice.

Housed-Exit:
Exit based on the Guest leaving the program to Permanent, Transitional, Temporary Housing or to an Institution.

SERVICES RECEIVED

Guest Bed Nights: September

143

Guest Meals: September

161

ADMITTED ANIMALS

Admitted Pets: September



All Reports are accessible on the SHRA.org website, under Find Housing-
Emergency Housing and Homeless Resources- X Street Navigation Center:
<https://www.shra.org/x-street-navigation-center/>

Please refer all inquiries to SHRA Homeless Innovations Department:
Shelter Information
(916) 440-1382
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All data is pulled from the Homeless Management Information System and represents a
snapshot in time. Data is subject to change as it is reviewed and corrected.