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UNHOUSED PERSONS SUPPORT SERVICES & PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ORDINANCE

City Council Meeting
August 11, 2021

OBJECTIVES

Consideration of recommendations from the Unhoused Persons/Homeless Taskforce

- Enter into agreement to provide interim housing and support services for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Adoption of a public right of way ordinance

Initial meeting to focus on “big picture”: strategy, direction, funding, etc.

- Returning with a MOU, formal policies, procedures, and implementation steps at a future meeting

Imperfect, ad hoc process that will continue to be revised and improved. The recommendations presented tonight are just a few tools of many we hope to utilize.



DISCUSSION

Monthly Homeless Outreach Requests						
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
2	3	7	11	25	13	10

Potential reasons for increase:

- Re-opening of local economy
- Removal of large encampments in surrounding areas

Of these calls, many impacted access to public right of ways

- Sidewalks, streets, transit stops, parking lot entrances



UNHOUSED PERSONS/HOMELESS TASKFORCE

To address the increased activity, the Unhoused Persons/Homeless Taskforce convened on March 25, 2021 to study the challenge and possible solutions

Taskforce directed staff to research options that allowed the city to **both**:

- Protect the public health, safety, welfare, property, and environment of citizens; and
- Be as compatible and compassionate as possible, regarding the protection and preservation of health, safety, and welfare of individuals in the City experiencing homelessness



UNHOUSED PERSONS/HOMELESS TASKFORCE

Reconvened on July 16, 2021 to review staff recommendations, ultimately choosing the following two-pronged approach to be considered by City Council:

- **Enter into an agreement with a local homeless service provider to offer interim housing and other support services to individuals in Calabasas experiencing homelessness; AND**
- **Introduce an ordinance to establish the City's ability to prevent individuals from camping, loitering, or blocking the public right of way at particular times and locations at or near youth-serving facilities, bus stops, critical infrastructure, and wildfire risk areas.**



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Non-profit organization founded in 1970, based in Van Nuys

Specialize on improving the mental health of individuals and families

Primary emphasis on providing services to:

- Individuals with serious emotional disorders
- Adults and older adults with severe and persistent mental illness

Currently contracted as a service provider by LA County DHS and State of CA

Selected as a 2021 California non-profit of the year by Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian



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JORGE VEGA CENTER FOR HOPE



- Showers, laundry facilities, lockers, mail services, light meals, emergency food bank
- Clothing, books, computer lab, conference room
- Benefit enrollment, id help & retrieval, money management, individual living skills



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INTERIM HOUSING PROGRAM

Once stabilized and enrolled in one of SFVCMHC's programs, individuals are placed into short term, temporary housing.

Provides onsite services including case management, substance abuse and mental health treatment, independent living skills, etc.

Facilities provide a safe place for individuals with co-occurring disorders to work with onsite case managers on gaining the skills to live independently and successfully place into a long term housing program offered by the County and other partners.



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QUESTIONS RE SERVICES PROPOSAL

**Gabriel Graham, Outreach Coordinator
Las Virgenes/Malibu COG**

**Charlie Rubin, Director of Volunteer Services and the Cornerstone Program
San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center**

Followed by discussion of Ordinance No. 2021-394 and accompanying Resolutions



ORDINANCE NO. 2021-394: PROHIBITION ON CAMPING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS

In accordance with the Unhoused Persons/Homeless Taskforce's recommendation of maintaining a balanced approach with City's homeless response, staff recommends introducing Ordinance No. 2021-394

Section 9.38.020 of the ordinance prohibits camping, sitting, loitering, sleeping, or storing property on any public highway, median, sidewalk, crosswalk or other public place that obstructs pedestrian or vehicular travel – with exceptions.

Exemptions include those engaging in permitted events/parades, expressive activity, transit bench use up to an hour, and temporary situations for individuals with disabilities.

Broad prohibition enforceable, per Ninth Circuit, only if City has an available bed.



ORDINANCE NO. 2021-394: LOCATION SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS

Section 9.38.030 prohibits individuals from camping, lying, loitering, sleeping, or storing belongings within certain areas – enforceable anytime:

- Wildfire risk areas
- 10 feet of any fire hydrant, driveway, or loading dock
- 10 feet of any bus stop for more than one hour
- 50 feet of any critical infrastructure (*as defined by City Council*)
- A public highway, bike path, pedestrian path, green belt, median island, alley, sidewalk, crosswalk, or other public place or way open for pedestrian or vehicular travel, that is within 250 feet of a designated school route or youth serving facility, one hour before and after school is in session
- In or upon any method of public transportation that runs in the City
- Any public place or way open for pedestrian or vehicular travel that has signage prohibiting (*as defined by City Council, sunsets after one year*)

such activities



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ENFORCEMENT TOOLS/OPTIONS

Violation of section 9.38.020 or section 9.38.030 may be abated by the City or any law enforcement officer upon 24 hours of prior notice.

Any violation of section 9.38.030 may be abated immediately by the City or any law enforcement officer without prior notice if the violation poses an imminent threat to public health or safety.

Persons violating any provision of this chapter may be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable, after lawful conviction, by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00, with ability-to-pay determination) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Arrest Not Automatic – Sheriffs’ Deputies Retain Individual Discretion.



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1748: DESIGNATING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolution No. 2021-1748 declares the following real property and facilities as critical infrastructure:

1. Government buildings, including City Hall, schools, fire stations, police stations, jails, courthouses, and libraries.
2. Electric, sewer, wastewater and water utility facilities, including generation stations, transformers and substations.
3. Health facilities, as that term is defined in Health & Safety Code section 1250.
4. Bus stops, bus stations, train stations and train tracks.
5. Water sources and levees.
6. Bridges and roads designated by the City as Citywide evacuation routes.



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1749: DESIGNATING SCHOOL ROUTES

Resolution No. 2021-1749 designates the following streets as school routes:

A.E. WRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- COLD SPRINGS DR
- LAS VIRGENES RD BETWEEN WILLOW GLEN ST AND MEADOW CREEK LN
- LOST HILLS RD BETWEEN MEADOW CREEK LN AND LOST HILLS RD
- LOST SPRINGS DR
- MEADOW CREEK LN
- WILLOW GLEN ST BETWEEN LAS VIRGENES RD AND WILLOW GLEN ST

BAY LAUREL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- PARKWAY CALABASAS BETWEEN CAMINO PORTAL AND PARK ENTRADA
- PASEO PRIMARIO
- PASEO ENTRADA BETWEEN PARKWAY CALABASAS AND TEDREGAL CT

LUPIN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ADAMOR RD BETWEEN PARKMOR RD AND EDENPARK DR
- BELBERT CIRCLE
- EDENPARK DR
- PARKMOR RD BETWEEN ALIZIA CANYON DR AND THOUSAND OAKS BLVD

CALABASAS HIGH SCHOOL, CHAPARRAL ELEMANTARY SCHOOL & A.C. STELLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- BON HOMME RD BETWEEN TOWN CRIER RD AND LIBERTY BELL RD
- BRANDYWINE DR
- CHARLESTOWN DR
- FOUNDERS DR
- LIBERTY BELL RD BETWEEN FREEDOM DR AND DECLARATION AVE
- MAGNA CARTA RD
- MULHOLLAND HWY BETWEEN CALABASAS HIGH SCHOOL AND FREEDOM DR
- OLD TOPANGA CANYON RD BETWEEN WRENCREST DR AND CALABASAS HIGH SCHOOL DWY
- PAUL REVERE RD BETWEEN MAGNA CARTA RD AND MULHOLLAND HWY



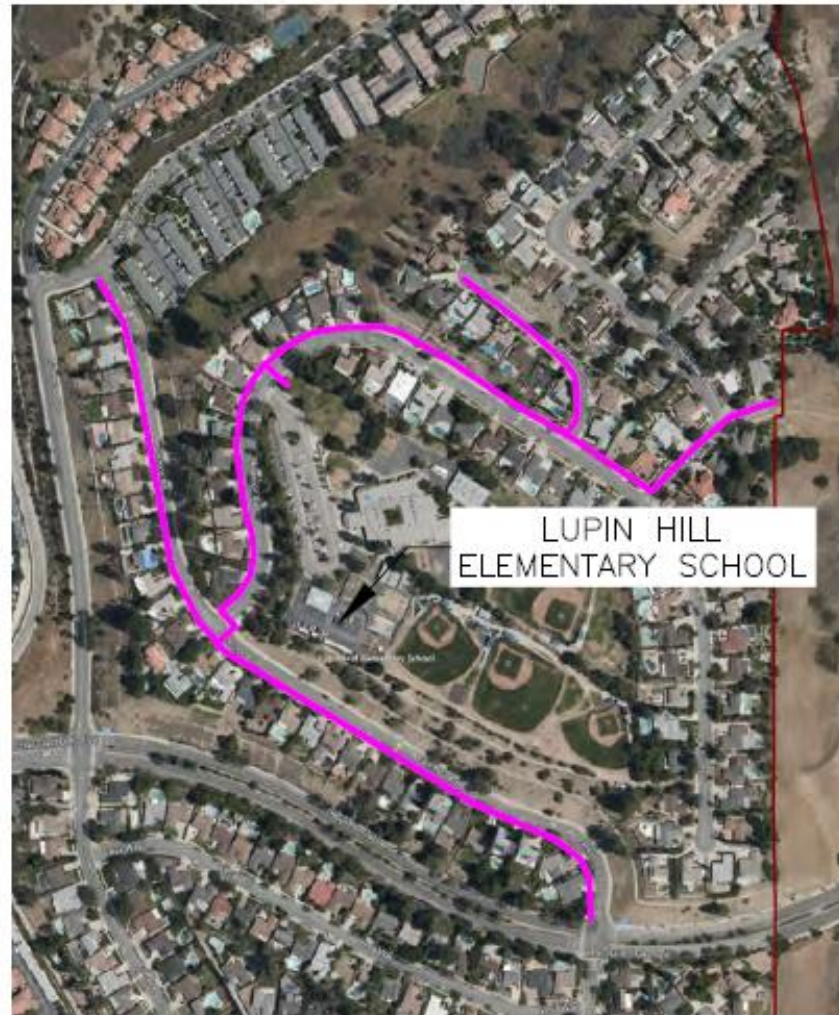
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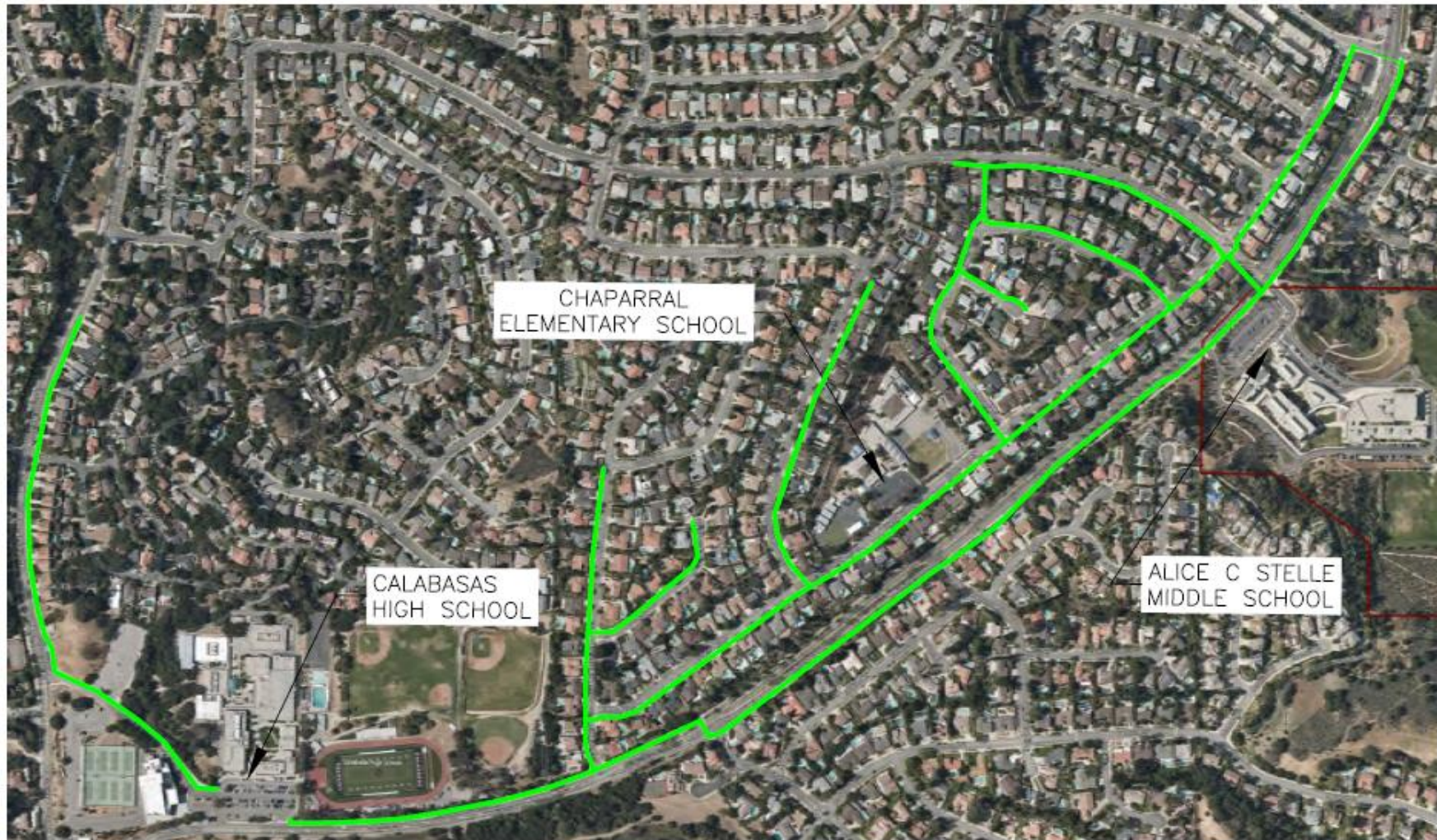


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CALABASAS HIGH, CHAPARRAL ELEMANTARY, & A.C. STELLE SCHOOL ROUTES



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NEXT STEPS

Tonight:

Provide input and direction on proposed homeless service & program offerings, consider introducing ordinance

Next Meeting:

Review and approve Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with SFVCMHC, potentially adopt ordinance

Future Meetings:

Review and approve policies, procedures, and implementation of the program and ordinance. Also bring forward additional recommendations from Unhoused Persons/Homeless Taskforce for consideration.

Staff:

Partnering with SFVCMHC and other local agencies and orgs (LAHSA, LAFH, HOST, COG, PoP) to collaborate on training staff, implementing best practices, adding service offerings

