

Minutes of Homeless Steering Committee Meeting 3-22-18

1. Public Comment

- Tyx Pulskamp described an upcoming resource campout he’s putting together that will be held at Detert Park in May. It will include health screenings and dental services.
- Trixie Smith described a recent art project hosted at Sierra Wind.
- Susan Ross suggested that hygiene kits could be provided and placed in small food pantries along with food that can be accessed on an as needed basis.
- Mark Pulskamp shared that roughly 40% of the babies born at Sutter Amador Hospital are on Medical. A Sutter Amador representative present indicated it was closer to 90%.
- Bob Stimpson told the group that the Jackson PD said the parks were looking cleaner. Also, the Civic Center in Jackson would be open on cold nights as well.

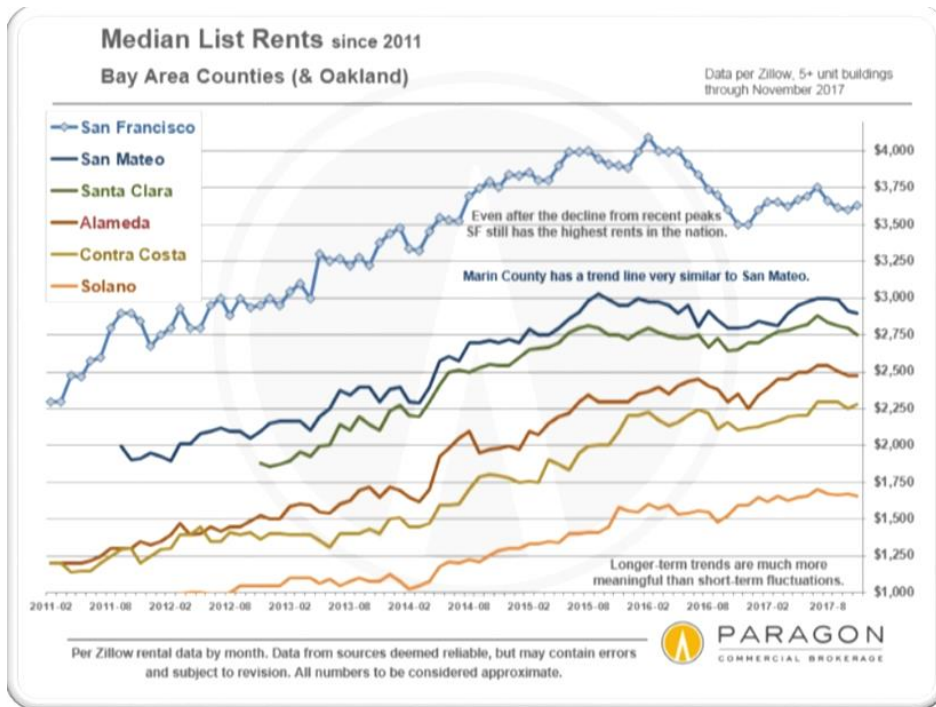
2. Continuum of Care Needs Assessment

Nichol Mulford, from Victory Village, shared with the Steering committee the Needs Assessment developed by the Continuum of Care (CoC) program for the 4-County region (Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa). In their assessment the critical gaps that were identified are shown in the graph below.



The most prevalent needs are those involving sheltering and housing. A rationale was given for the recent increase in homelessness reaching rural communities like Amador County, which is: the low unemployment and the concomitant increase in rents in the Bay Area is making it financially more difficult for those of modest incomes to afford to live and work in these areas.

This results in migrations of these people to more rural and less expensive communities to the east.



We are hopeful that we can use the results of this needs assessment as we move forward with subsequent planning and possible grant applications.

3. Homeless Housing

Bob Stimpson gave a very preliminary update on a local property that could serve as a temporary shelter and can augment some of the housing needs that are currently lacking. He will provide more details in the future.

4. Announcements

The following events or items were announced and discussed briefly.

- A Homeless Workshop will be held at the County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 27th starting at 9am.
- A Faith Based Taskforce meeting is Thursday, May 17th, 1:00 PM at St. Katharine Drexel church. We should have some members from our committee in attendance.
- Simple igloo shelters for the homeless were described.

5. Committee Reports

- Food/meals (Susan Ross & Beth Stanton) – Nothing to report

- Funding (Frank) – Grant application letter for funding for Summer PIT count is almost ready.
- Housing (Connie Gonsalves, Bob Stinson, Tyx Pulskamp, Raj Rambob) – See above

6. Speakers

- No speakers

7. Actions

- Garbage collection in encampments
- Sharps containers & needle swaps

8. Future Agenda Items