



**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**February 11, 2020**

**Community Meeting on Public Safety,  
Parks and Facilities,  
and Homelessness Services / Programs**

# Welcome & Introductions & Mayor's Opening Remarks

Logan Harvey, Mayor

Rachel Hundley, Vice Mayor

Madolyn Agrimonti, Council Member

David Cook, Council Member

Amy Harrington, Council Member

Cathy Capriola, City Manager

John Abaci, Assistant City Attorney

Orlando Rodriguez, Police Chief

David Storer, Planning Director

# Purpose of the Meeting

- **Actively Listen**

- Listen to members of the community and share perspectives

- **Share Information**

- Provide information so everyone understands current circumstances, context, information, opportunities and constraints

- **Learn and Explore**

- Hear ideas and options
- City Council can't take specific actions tonight
- Can provide general direction for next steps and items to come back to a future Council meeting

# Ground Rules – Civility and Respect for All

## Thank you!

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Respect for  
Everyone



No interruptions  
No disruptions  
No shouting out



No personal  
insults



No clapping or  
booing – if you  
agree, wave your  
hands



Refrain from side  
conversations  
and distractions



Silence your cell  
phones

# Agenda for Tonight

- Presentations / Information (30 minutes)
  - City (City Manager, City Attorney, Police Chief)
  - Sonoma County
  - Sonoma Overnight Support
- Council Questions (30 minutes)
  - 1-2 Questions per Council Member
- Public Comment
  - 2 minutes per person
  - Give name and address
- City Council Comments / Direction

# CITY OF SONOMA

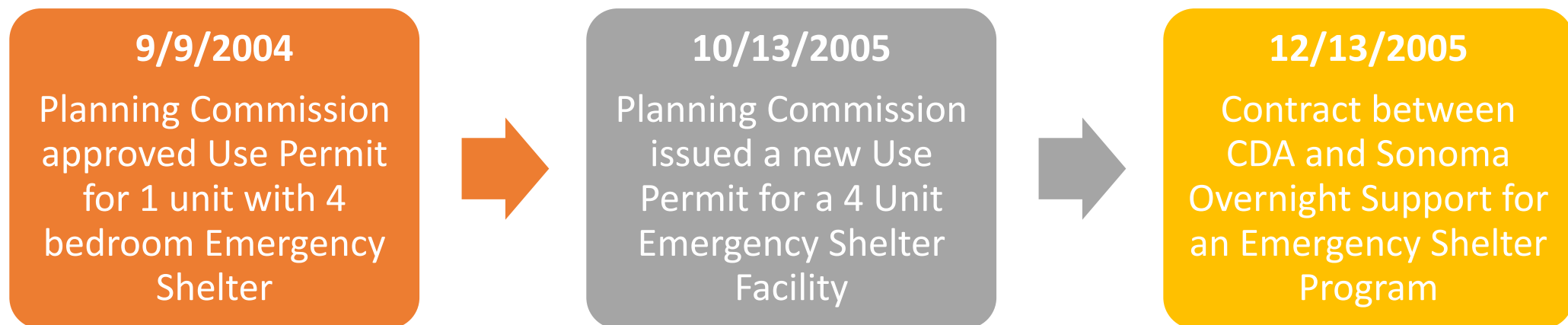
City Manager – History / Overview

City Attorney – Legal Parameters

Police Chief – Public Safety Update

# Original History of Homeless Services in Sonoma

- Informal food and housing provided to homeless by community.
- 2004 - Need for a permanent facility was identified. Partnership between City and Sonoma Overnight Support.
  - Use Permit approved by Planning Commission – 2004; updated in 2005
  - 2005 – Contract between SOS and former Redevelopment Agency
  - With a grant from the State of California and support from the City of Sonoma, a four-bedroom modular home opened in 2008 -- “The Haven”



# Recent History - SOS



- Begin providing food, showers, and services to general homeless clients
- 2018 – Funding shifts by Sonoma County to “Housing First” model; require no barriers; SOS refused funding from Sonoma County; City provided \$20,000 and additional fundraising by SOS. SOS Board reviewed strategic options.
- 2019 – New HEAP funding from State via Sonoma County - \$849K for Valley.
- 2019 – SOS retained 4 beds emergency beds and began operating as a Navigation Center in coordination with other non-profit service providers.
- Through the years, collaborative working relationship with SOS, City staff and Police Department



# 2019/2020 Homeless Services in Valley

\$814,750; \$250,000 from General Funds of Sonoma County

Catholic Charities	\$50,000	Coordinated Entry & Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST)
InterFaith Shelter Network (IFSN)	\$70,000	Coordinated Entry at The Haven
InterFaith Shelter Network (IFSN)	\$223,877	Flexible Rapid Re-Housing - housing location / stabilization
SHARE Sonoma County	\$106,000	Matching high-functioning homeless with Seniors the home
Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)	Approx. \$25,000	Street outreach to connect homeless youth to services
Sonoma Overnight Support (SOS)	\$94,873	Low-barrier winter shelter on Watmaugh (December 2019 to March 2020)
City of Sonoma	\$245,000	Upgrades to the Haven

# Point in Time Homeless Count – Last 3 Years

Jurisdiction	UNSHELTERED HOMELESS			SHELTERED HOMELESS			TOTAL		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
City of Sonoma	78	15	32	13	15	18	<b>91</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>50</b>
Unincorporated Sonoma Valley	78	49	69	20	22	22	98	71	91
<b>TOTAL – SONOMA VALLEY</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>141</b>

2020 Count is not completed yet.

Sonoma Overnight Support experiencing a 74% increase in clients in last year.

# Safe Parking Program

City Council Approved 11/18/2019

Purpose – Safe place for growing number of people living in cars

- City contracts with Sonoma Overnight Support to manage.
- Up to 10 total parking spaces available on a permit basis.
- 10:00 PM to 9:00 AM.
- Set of Rules and Guidelines; violators of the Rules and Guidelines can be permanently exited from the Safe Parking Program and risk losing access to the day services.
- SOS hires a security service to patrol overnight -- three to four drive through visits per night in addition to monitoring by Police.
- 3 month status update; 6 month formal review.
- Kathy King from SOS will provide more information.

# Sonoma Valley Field of Dreams

*Community Non-Profit Established in 1992*

- Field of Dreams was a community project and collaboration.
- 7 acre youth athletic field complex
- Agreement with Sonoma Valley Field of Dreams since 1992.
  - City owns the property.
  - Field of Dreams maintains and manages.
  - Purpose – Operate turfed areas and playfields for the benefit of young people
- All volunteer organization – Board in transition.
- 2019 – City provided \$10,000 as recreational partner.
- User Groups

Sonoma Valley Girls Softball	Sonoma Valley High School Junior Varsity Baseball	Sonoma Stompers
Sonoma Revolution Softball	REBL Adult Baseball	Challenger Sports
Stack Youth Baseball	Sonoma Valley Babe Ruth	Northbay Baseball

# HOMELESSNESS – HOW TO SOLVE?



- Complicated
  - Legally – Martin v. Boise
  - Civil rights of homeless individuals
  - Costly – short term and long term
  - Unintended consequences
- Issues
  - Need more mental health services
  - Need more drug/alcohol services
  - Cost of housing / housing shortage
  - Lack of transitional / permanent housing
  - Proposition 47 changes – changed various felonies to misdemeanors

# Legal Parameters – City Attorney

## MARTIN V. BOISE

- City of Boise had 3 homeless shelters; six Plaintiffs, convicted of violating unlawful camping ordinance from 2007-2009, filed suit against the City to prevent enforcement of the ordinance
- Unlawful camping ordinances prohibit the occupying, camping, or lodging on public property, such as streets, sidewalks, parks, etc.
- Violations of ordinances are criminal offenses
- Issue—Is the enforcement of a criminal statute prohibiting sleeping outside against homeless individuals with no access to alternative shelter unconstitutional?
- 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal Ruled that it was; Supreme Court let the ruling stand

## OUTCOME

- Cannot criminally prosecute “no camping ordinances” against individuals if they can’t obtain shelter
- Implications to Sonoma - Can’t enforce city anti-camping ordinance unless shelter bed available for individual in violation of ordinance and refuses available shelter.
- Future cases will decide whether decision will have other implications for cities

# Assault Case

## **Sonoma PD Case # 20-0000094**

- Suspect: Ruben Reyes-Gallardo 29 year old
- Bail Set @ \$20,000 (Reduced from \$31,000)
- Next Court Date: 2/13/2020, Court Room #6 (Possible Disposition)
- Not part of the Safe Parking Program
- Day Services and Winter Shelter; exited from SOS services day after incident

## **DDA Case # SCR-735777-1**

- 243.4 (e)1 PC, 242 PC (X2), 314(1) PC
- DA changed “Assault to Commit Rape” changed to “Sexual Battery”

# Public Safety & Homelessness

- Decriminalization - Homeless individuals can use parks and public spaces like others
- Private parking lot – can enforce if signed
- Public parking lot rules - City Council can determine regulations
- Can enforce parking on city streets – 72 hours limit; can move around
- Parks and Open Space – Can't enforce no camping unless shelter opportunity provided or refuse services



# Homeless Related Incidents / Reports

Homeless Related Incidents				
	HAVEN Incidents	Fields of Dreams Incidents	Reports	HRI - City
2014	12	6	3	n/a
2015	9	24	3	n/a
2016	5	14	3	47
2017	20	22	9	56
2018	18	19	2	115
2019	28	21	7	111

HRI = Homeless Related Incidents – victim or suspect (Began tracking this in 2016, so no data in 2014 & 2015)



# Sonoma County Homeless Emergency Response

**BARBIE ROBINSON**

**Executive Director, Sonoma County Department of Health Services and  
Interim Executive Director, Community Development Commission**

# What Homelessness Looks Like in Sonoma County: Data from the 2019 Homeless Count

- Approximately 3,000 people experiencing homelessness in Sonoma County – almost 1,000 of those people are precariously sheltered, with 2,000 unsheltered.
- Sonoma County has experienced disproportionate homelessness
- The 2018 Point in Time Homeless Count, Sonoma County was among the top 3 suburban counties in America.\*
- The 2019 count was 2,951 homeless individuals, an 11% increase over the 2018 count.



# Bold Actions from the County to Strengthen the Homeless System of Care

- Shared Homes
- Indoor-Outdoor Shelters
- Master Leasing
- Los Guilicos Village



# Changing Landscape: County Temporary Injunction

- A temporary injunction is in place until June, 2020.
- This injunction lays out protocols and timing, and allows our local governments to ensure we are still able to protect public health and safety, as well as to ensure that we house people and connect them to necessary services/options when there are no other options available to them.



# SONOMA OVERNIGHT SUPPORT (SOS)

**REVEREND DR. CURRAN REICHERT**

President, SOS Board of Director

**KATHY KING**

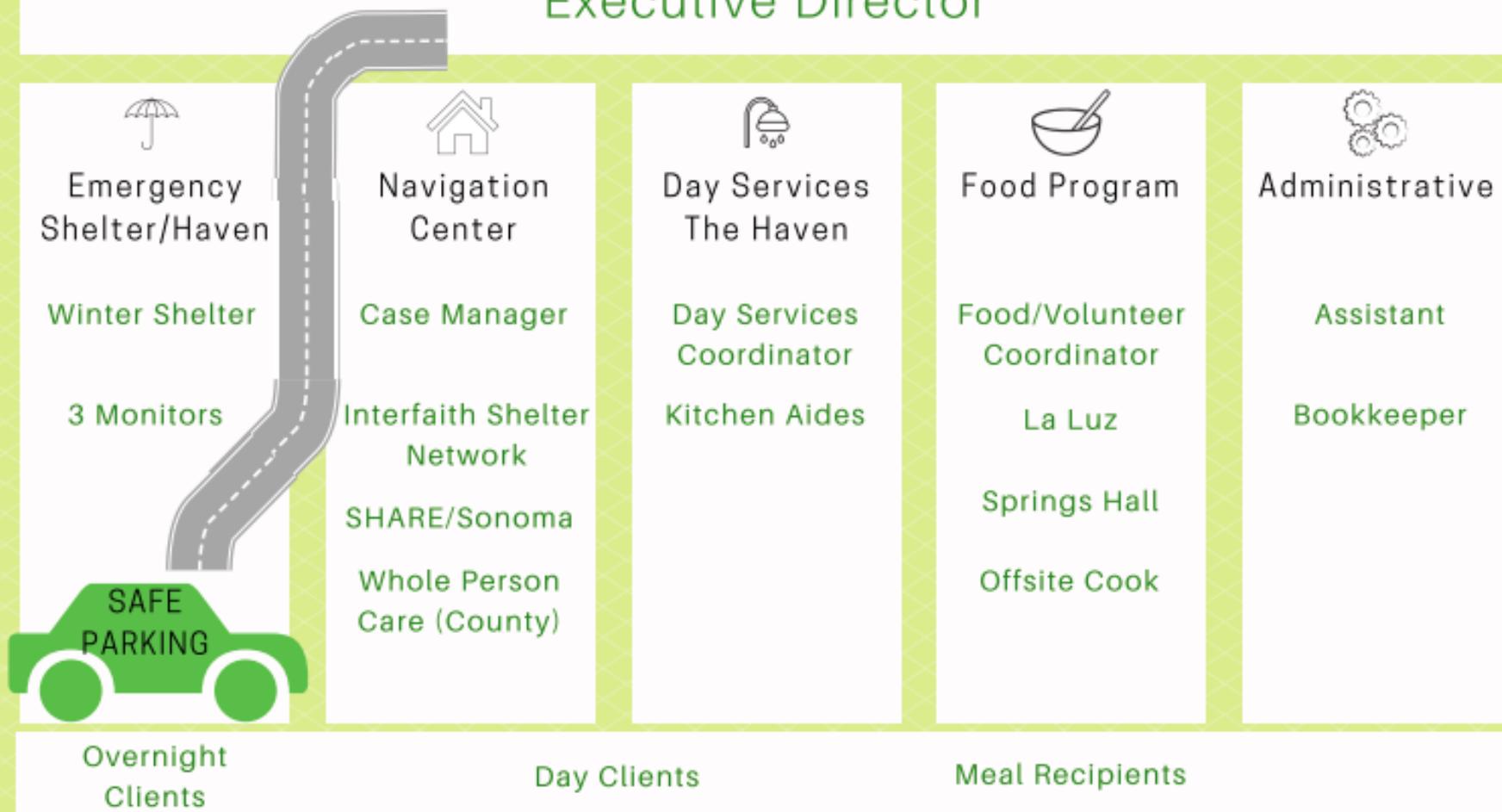
Executive Director – SOS

# SONOMA OVERNIGHT SUPPORT

organizational chart

Board of Directors

Executive Director



updated: dp 11/11

# QUESTIONS

## City Council



# PUBLIC COMMENT

# Council Discussion, Direction, Next Steps

THANK YOU FOR  
COMING