



Date: October 23, 2019

To: *for* Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager *R. Garcia*

From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services *CC*
Linda F. Tatum, Director of Development Services *LT*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Update on the City of Long Beach Bridge Housing Community**

At its meeting on February 5, 2019, the City Council approved the acquisition of the approximately 1.4-acre property at 6841-6845 North Atlantic Avenue (site) to operate a permanent bridge housing shelter (Bridge Housing) facility for homeless individuals. This report provides a summary of the activities regarding this effort.

The City of Long Beach (City) identified this site to develop a state-of-the-art village-style campus for homeless housing and services, including a variety of supportive housing types. Funding for the project is available using \$8 million of the approximately \$9.4 million of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds allocated from the State to establish a year-round Bridge Housing community. An additional \$3.4 million in grant funding received from Los Angeles County Measure H funds will go toward capital improvements to open the facility. The City has prioritized establishing a housing facility on the site that will be operational by June 30, 2020. The effort to open the site is being led by staff from the Public Works and Health and Human Services Departments.

The site currently consists of three structures: a large warehouse, a liquor store on Atlantic Avenue, and a single-family residence. The liquor store and the single-family house at the rear of the site are the only active structures on the site, both of which are scheduled to be vacated by January 2020. The warehouse is still under control of the current lessee, who has yet to submit plans for the building permits necessary to occupy the warehouse, pursuant to the terms of the lease. The site is designed to allow the warehouse lessee to operate concurrently with the Bridge Housing.

Site design for the campus is currently being developed with the principal residential component positioned behind the existing warehouse building located on the rear portion of the site. The limited portion of funds accessed through the Measure H grant for shelter capital improvements was not enough to cover the cost to either rehabilitate or demolish the existing warehouse. Accordingly, modular buildings will be used in the first phase of operation to facilitate a smooth and cost-effective transition to a permanent housing site. These dormitory-style units will house a total of 125 beds, separate male/female sleeping quarters, a space for couples, separate male/female restrooms, separate male/female showers, laundry facilities, a dining room/multipurpose facility, and an intake and administration building. An alternative design is being proposed to allow full use of the site for Bridge Housing, should the current lessee not move forward to occupy the warehouse.

City staff will continue to seek additional funding for the long-term operation of this site and potential expansion to surrounding areas.

The project team has scheduled the first of two community engagement workshops for the Bridge Housing project on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library at 5870 Atlantic Avenue. Staff and an outreach consultant will present an overview of the project objectives and operations, as well as seek input from the community on specific areas of concerns that should be addressed to minimize potential impacts to adjacent uses. A follow-up community engagement workshop will be hosted in early 2020. By that time, a project site plan and detailed project schedule for installation and operation will be available to share. A flyer for this meeting is attached.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Interim Deputy City Manager Teresa Chandler at (562) 570-5116, or at teresa.chandler@longbeach.gov.

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ATTACHMENT: NOTICE OF OCTOBER 29, 2019 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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Bridge Housing Community Outreach Meeting

We want to hear from you! Please join us and learn about the City's plans for bridge housing at 6845 Atlantic Ave. in North Long Beach.

Light refreshments, child watch, and interpretation services provided.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Michelle Obama
Neighborhood Library
5870 Atlantic Ave.



For more information, email homeless.services@longbeach.gov or call (562) 570-4588.



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