



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

“The Pass of the Oaks”

ECHO Ad Hoc Committee

SUMMARY MINUTES for April 27, 2022

Committee Members: Mayor Pro Tem John Hamon and Councilmember Steve Gregory

City Staff Liaison: Julie Dahlen, Community Services Director

- 1. Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Futures Consultant Bill Whalen will provide a summary of input garnered from community members participating in the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Futures Study.** Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce CEO Gina Fitzpatrick introduced Mr. Whalen who participated via Teams. Mr. Whalen explained that the Futures Study process included creating a problems statement, analyzing events and trends relevant to homelessness that could affect Paso Robles in the next 10 years, and finally crafting a vision statement. The goal is not to recommend specific programs. Themes discussed include defining the causes of homelessness with a particular emphasis on substance abuse and mental illness. The participants' view is that prevention measures beginning with youngsters in the school system are critical. Mr. Whalen will present a full summary of the Futures Study at the May 17 City Council meeting.
 - 2. Administrative Services Director Ryan Cornell will be available to answer financial questions for the Ad Hoc members.** Mr. Cornell explained that expenses incurred by the City for increased security in the ECHO Paso Robles area have been paid from the City's General fund.
 - 3. Public Comments**
Becky Gray, Wendy Lewis, Angela McKee, Jonathan Gannon, Floyd Butterfield, Gina Fitzpatrick, John Arnold
 - 4. Adjournment.** Mayor Pro Tem John Hamon and Councilmember Steve Gregory will report findings and recommendations to the full City Council at the May 17, 2022 meeting. Council may vote to dissolve the ad hoc committee at this time.
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