



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR

March 27, 2018

(Continued from March 13, 2018)

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Paul Buddenhagen, Director, Health, Housing and Community Services
Subject: Companion Report: Storage at Premier Cru

RECOMMENDATION

Take no action on the Homeless Commission's resolution to provide storage for unhoused persons at the Premier Cru complex, and instead allow staff to explore various locations that would be feasible given the available budget.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION

None. As part of the mid-year FY2018 budget process Council allocated \$50,000 for a Downtown Storage Pilot Program for homeless person's belongings and staff is already planning an analysis of possible sites and models to accommodate the pilot.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Homeless Commission's report recommends that Council adopt a resolution to provide storage of belongings for unhoused persons at the Premier Cru complex. This recommendation follows an allocation of \$50,000 by Council on 12/5/17 to develop a pilot program for the storage of homeless person's belongings.

In July 2016, the City released an RFP for a homeless storage locker program. With staff's estimated cost of \$185,472, the program would have been open 8 hours a day for seven days a week, including full-time staffing, and would have provided 100-160 lockers. This program was never realized as moneys were redirected to winter shelter efforts.

The Premier Cru complex is currently being used for Berkeley's expanded winter shelter program and there are currently no plans for the site to be accessible for homeless programs beyond the closure of the winter shelter in April. In order for the storage program to be accessible year-round at Premier Cru, additional full-time staffing for the program would need to be identified at a cost that would likely exceed the available \$50,000. The City Manager recommends taking no action on the Homeless Commission's recommendation and instead allowing staff to explore the feasibility of other sites and program models that would allow year-round accessibility within the

available budget. Staff may ultimately make a recommendation that concurs with the Homeless Commission's, but needs more time to accurately make that determination.

BACKGROUND

In July 2016, the City released an RFP for a homeless storage locker program that would have provided 100-160 lockers. The City received two responses to the RFP and a provider was selected, but the project was never funded.

The Homeless Commission took the issue of storage up again with a vote on 11/8/17 as follows:

Action: M/S/C Caldeira/Marasovic that the Premier Cru wine building site be used as a location for the storage of unhoused people's belongings.

Vote: Ayes: Caldeira, Cohen, Gor, Hirpara, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake.

On 12/5/17, Council allocated \$50,000 for the development of a pilot program for the storage of homeless persons' belongings.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Premier Cru site is currently being used as a location for the city's expanded winter shelter efforts, operated by Dorothy Day House. Dorothy Day House has projected staffing patterns and expenses to support shelter efforts only. Upon closure of the winter shelter at the end of the season, the Premier Cru site would be otherwise unstaffed and may be unable to support a storage program at the available identified budget of \$50,000.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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