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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Update - Public Inebriates

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUMMARY

Near the end of last summer, Councilman Connelly initiated a meeting of representatives of the Police Department, County Alcoholism Office, Volunteers of America, Downtown Merchants Association and the City Manager's office. This report outlines the results of meetings and research carried on by the task group and recommends referral of its proposal to the normal budget process for 1981-82.

BACKGROUND

Over the course of several meetings, the task group found that one response that could be maintained by the City government consisted of some provision for keeping public inebriates off the streets for a longer period of time following their removal by the police or the Volunteers of America.

Volunteers of America then produced proposals that were reviewed by the task force. The resultant proposal by Volunteers of America is Attachment I to this report.

The essence of the proposal calls for three incremental levels of activity and expenditure, each of which is designed to maintain inebriates in an off-street location for longer periods of time than is now the case.

The proposal is presented in three segments (A through C) requiring \$4,200; \$3,605; and \$10,000 respectively. All three call for activity at the Front Street Volunteers of America facility.

- Part A calls for fencing which will reduce the mobility of persons using the area - \$4,200.
- Part B calls for replacement of mattresses and plastic mattress covers for the sleep-off area - \$3,605.
- Part C calls for transferring use of the third Front Street building from the City Department of Community Services to Volunteers of America for use as a 30-bed sheltered workshop - \$10,000 + 4 CETA positions.

Parts A and B can be accomplished immediately and appear to have some potential for improving the situation.

Part C is difficult to justify in terms of reducing the public inebriate population in the downtown area because a sheltered workshop is a rehabilitation program, not necessarily related to the removal of public inebriates from the downtown area.

A more productive approach would involve expansion of the County jail holding facilities through some financial contribution from the City.

#### FINANCIAL DATA

If all three priorities were funded, the total would be \$17,805.

Because of the current uncertainty in the funding capacity of the City for the 1981-82 fiscal year, it would be prudent to consider Part C of the Volunteers of America proposal as it relates to other obligations of the City in the course of 1981-82 budget preparation.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Direct staff to develop a plan for implementing Parts A and B of the Volunteers of America proposal.
2. Refer Part C of the Volunteers of America proposal to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration in the 1981-82 budget process.
3. Direct staff to investigate expansion of holding facilities in the County jail.

Respectfully submitted,



Mac Mailes  
Assistant City Manager  
for Community Development

Recommendation Approved:



Walter J. Slipes, City Manager

February 24, 1981



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Mac Mailes  
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Mac:


In my opinion the report back from the City Manager on the public inebriate issue should include an update on the following issues:

1. The current level of police protection in the core business area - not only authorized, but the number of officers who are actually patrolling that area. This figure is important because it is my understanding that officers are diverted from this patrol area frequently to take the place of people who phone in sick, etc.
2. The number of public inebriates currently being arrested, is a given time increment of and the average time sentenced.
3. Quantification of the continuing problem we're having with the "drunk tank" i.e., the number of arrested, the number we're able to hold over for court, etc.
4. An update on any citations/policing activity engaged in by ABC during the course of the last six months or so.
5. A status report on the "Social/Outreach Programs" in the area, i.e., the effect of the recent defunding by the County Board of Supervisors, etc.

6. Other items as appropriate as enumerated in the March 8, 1979 status report to the Council - copy attached.

Thank you for continued assistance and patience with this matter.

Cordially,



Lloyd G. Connelly  
City Councilman  
District 6

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January 30, 1981

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
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JAN 30 1981

Mr. Mac Mailes  
Assistant City Manager  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, Room 109  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Mailes:

Representatives from the City Manager's office, Sacramento Police Department, County Alcoholism Division, Downtown Merchants' Association, and the Volunteers of America met in September and discussed the impact of the Public Inebriate upon the downtown business area. Discussion focused on how the Public Inebriate could be persuaded to stay longer at the Central Reception Center, 2700 Front Street and thus away from the downtown business section.

The Volunteers of America proposed a plan that calls for the securing and upgrading of the facilities at the Central Reception Center. The Center's operating funds do not provide for this. Additional funds would be necessary to accomplish the following plans.

PLAN A

Fencing of Extended Evaluation building. The intention is to improve security of the area and reduce the mobility of persons using the facility. The plan is for an 8 foot chain link fence. Cost: \$4,200

PLAN B

Replacement of mattresses and protective covers.

56 Mattresses @ \$42.95	\$2,405.00
100 Plastic Mattress Covers	1,200.00
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	\$3,605.00

PLAN C

Provision by the City for use of the third building at the 2700 Front Street complex, currently occupied by the City Parks and Recreation. Facility would be utilized for a self-supporting 30 bed sheltered workshop program for rehabilitating public inebriates.



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Mr. Mac Mailes  
Assistant City Manager

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This plan does not call for the City Parks and Recreation to be denied the usage of the area surrounding the building. Current use of this area should continue unhindered.

Building Renovation	\$10,000.00
4 - City CETA positions	---
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	\$10,000.00

The Sacramento County Advisory Board on Alcohol Problems in letter of December 17, 1980 addressed to you recommended Plans A and B as Priority I and Plan C and Priority II.

Please contact myself and/or Perce Lovseth if you have any questions concerning these proposals.

Sincerely,



Leo McFarland  
Assistant Program Director  
CENTRAL RECEPTION CENTER

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY  
ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

December 17, 1980

Mr. Mac Mailes  
Assistant City Manager  
City of Sacramento  
915 "I" Street, Room 109  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Mailes:

The Sacramento County Advisory Board on Alcohol Problems has reviewed the November 10th Volunteers of America proposal (attached) submitted to the City relative to downtown Sacramento public inebriates and the facilities at 2700 Front Street.

The Board at its regularly scheduled December 17th meeting accepted the evaluation of its Public Inebriate Committee and is recommending the following for the consideration of funding by the City of Sacramento:

Priority I:

a. Fencing of Extended Evaluation building.

8 foot chain link fence	\$4,200.
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Comment: The intention is to improve security of the area and reduce the mobility of persons using the facility.

b. Replacement of mattresses and protective covers.

56 Mattresses @ 42.95	\$2,405.
100 Plastic Mattress Covers @ 12.00	1,200.
200 Sheets @2.50	<u>500.</u>
	<u>\$4,105.</u>

Comment: The current mats are in atrocious shape. Continuing utilization every day makes this an immediate need. Replacements and protective covers would provide a minimal sanitation standard.

Priority II:

- a. Provision by the City of use of the third building at the 2700 Front Street complex currently occupied by City Parks and Recreation.

Building Renovation	\$10,000
4 - City CETA Positions	----
	\$10,000
	\$10,000

Comment: Facility would be utilized for a self-supporting 30 bed sheltered workshop program for rehabilitating public inebriates. It is not intended to increase P.I. retention time for the revolving door street P.I.; but provide a facility for those seeking to break out of the circle. It is realized that the City of Sacramento would probably incur additional costs for relocating the current use.

General Comments:

1. The Volunteers of America had recommended the installation of 57 beds (including 20 elevated bunks to replace the current floor mattresses.) The Advisory Board is reluctant to make any improvements at Front Street that would increase its attractiveness to transients. Beds, it was felt, would also create an operational safety problem for inebriated men not in control of their faculties, since only minimal supervision is available.
2. It is our understanding that V.O.A. has dropped their proposal for removing possessions, showering and robing public inebriates (Phase C).

Please contact myself and/or Larry Valterza if you require further information concerning these recommendations.

Sincerely,



Sydney Allen, Chairperson  
 Sacramento County Advisory Board  
 on Alcohol Problems

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cc: Perce Lovseth, V. of A.  
 Lloyd Connelly, City Councilman