State of California

Health and Human Services

Department of Rehabilitation

Quality Location Development Committee (QLDC) Meeting
Wednesday, February 08, 2023, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Meeting Notes**

In attendance:

QLDC members (in-person): None

QLDC members (by Zoom): Paul Patche II, Tristen Kelley, Jerry Gann

DOR staff (by Zoom): Michael Thomas, Susanna Bishop, Kelly Snow, Colleen Bowden, Emma Godinez, Jennifer Wilbon

Members of the public (by Zoom): Melody Harris, Anthony Zee, Sandy Balani, Michael Davis, Steve Alford

Members of the public (in-person): None

Agenda

Welcome and roll call

The Chair welcomed attendees, conducted a roll call, and reviewed the rules.

Welcome new Location Development Officer

There is no new Location Development Officer yet. Susanna Bishop has conducted interviews and is in the process of making a selection.

Waivers

Discussion of waivers.

Susanna Bishop: One waiver. CIW women’s prison is requesting a food truck to come on grounds. The truck would only be for staff. CDCR is requesting a 10-year waiver. Max Duarte operates this location and is not interested in pursuing this option. No quorum so cannot vote on it at this time.

Paul Patche II: Max Duarte is not interested in the food truck, it’s not a big portion of his sales. Paul mentioned the feedback that was shared about the location was good information for anyone who may express an interest for when the selection goes out.

Michael Thomas: The food truck is what CDCR is asking for. Michael had questions about who provides the food truck.

Kelly Snow: Kelly spoke with Max. CIW has 700+ staff over a 24-hour period. There is currently a food truck that comes; however, it’s off grounds, and hardly anyone goes to it because it’s too far of a walk. The current food truck does not take any sales away from Max. Max does not see this option as a profitable and it further involves vendors buying food trucks.

Public Comment:

Anthony Zee: Anthony had questions about food trucks and the prison location.

Steve Alford: Steve had questions about food trucks and MOR’s.

Updates on interim locations

Susanna Bishop: Will be announcing interims in 2023. Susanna will email a list of interims to the committee. Susanna has two announcements, Van Nuys, and a satellite for 744 P Street, location 1031, in Sacramento. Susanna will circulate the two once they are ready.

Paul Patche II: Paul explained interims and said interims are originally set up for 6-months to 1-year.

Kelly Snow: Reviewed interim list. Some were before Covid. Location 1031 is the Twin Towers location and one tower has a snack bar with a hood and there are some vending machines.

Public Comment:

Steve Alford: Steve asked questions about the interims. Commented and gave information about Hall of Records, County office building.

**Current pending announcements and upcoming interviews**

Susanna Bishop: Had an interview at the Sacramento Courthouse. An interview tomorrow for the Alhambra Courthouse, and another on 02/16 for the North County Regional Vista Courthouse. The filing dates are closed. Each location had one applicant. Suggested laundry mats as a location.

Paul Patche II: Paul asked Susanna how many individuals were interviewing for the courthouses.

**Prospective new locations and opportunities**

Paul Patche II: Paul and Jerry are looking into franchising and trying see how to implement it into the program. Not much to report yet. Paul would still like to explore snack shacks on state beaches, my bring new locations for vendors. Would like to explore having kiosks and vending machines at airports. Explore looking at more options such as airports and stands at football stadiums.

Kelly Snow: Kelly mentioned that snack shacks are seasonal. Will connect with state parks and see if snack shacks are a possibility. Participated in the vending machine discussion.

Michael Thomas: Once a Location Development Officer is hired, that person can address issues and can explore more location options. Discussed state housing options/buildings are going to be converted into housing and because it’s state property, the department has priority.

Colleen Bowden: Previously looked into laundry mats with a vendor and feels that it would be a viable opportunity. Discussed problems with getting vending machines. Finding someone to bid is difficult and finding someone who can get the machines the department is asking for is difficult.

Emma Godinez: Asked Anthony about his location so that the department can follow up on Anthony’s concerns.

Public comment:

Denise Hudson-Mendoza: Denise thinks the laundry mat is a good idea. Denise shared her thoughts and ideas on the various locations mentioned.

Steve Alford: Steve asked if the state currently operates any public housing units. Discussed various vending machines.

Anthony Zee: Anthony mentioned selling soap, fabric softener, bleach, laundry bags, and other products at a laundry mat other than just selling food. Anthony asked why vendors are not getting new machines and why the old machines keep getting recycled.

**Updates and evaluate current locations**

Members of the public gave updates about their locations.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm