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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2020

Telephonic and Web Meeting

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Margery Brown, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Committee Co-chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. A quorum was established.

The August meeting minutes were approved.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

Chair Comments: Thomas said he believes CD12 is moving forward to create housing. He mentioned the planned purchase of the Travelodge on Devonshire in Chatsworth as a positive example.

Public Comment: None

Numbers refer to agenda items.

6. Report from Homeless Liaison, Marie: The liaisons have not met since the last committee meeting.

8. Chatsworth Project Home Key: Thomas explained the differences between Project Room Key and Project Home Key. Project Room Key is meant to be temporary and utilizes support the short-term leases; Project Home Key is permanent housing with the City purchasing properties.

Aida moved to recommend the WHNC Board support the Chatsworth Travelodge Project Home Key conversion.  
Joan seconded.

Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 1  
The motion passed.

9. WHNC Homelessness Committee should site locations for homeless housing and services: Aida suggested the property across Valley Circle from Westhills Baseball. Danny suggested collecting site recommendations from the community and having a public meeting. Bill offered to help research suggested properties in terms of ownership, zoning, best use, etc. Bill also mentioned he thought the WHNC had done an extensive search a few years back and determined there are no suitable properties in West Hills, but he welcomes an effort to revisit. Thomas would like to have consensus from the Board before searching for properties.

10. CA Proposition 21, Local Rent Control Initiative, and its potential impact on preventing homelessness: Thomas explained this agenda item is meant to discuss impacts and not take a position. After some debate on whether a discussion is appropriate, Danny suggested waiting until after the election.

11. Formation of a West Hills Homeless Task Force: Thomas explained his idea is to take ownership of the problem by learning about barriers and identifying individuals in need. Olivia said she thinks better communication and more information sharing will increase collaboration. No action at this time.

12. Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing and alternative housing options, West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness: Olivia advocates for more outreach and talking directly with individuals experiencing homelessness. The West Valley Food Pantry needs volunteers. Olivia can provide a contact.

13. Call for future agenda items: Marie said we the committee should discuss how to approach the community to build consensus and not create a backlash of opposition. Thomas suggested [HCD.CA.GOV](http://HCD.CA.GOV) for information. He also said modular or pallet shelters qualify for funding under Project Room Key.

Committee Co-chair AIDA adjourned the meeting at 7:15PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.