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HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2017

Chaminade High School, West Hills

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Those in attendance were: Simone Best, Tom Booth, Marge Brown, Mark Stewart, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Committee Co-Chair Simone Best called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. A quorum was established.

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

4. Chair Comments: Tom distributed two informational handouts from the City of Los Angeles concerning municipal codes: 'Healthy Streets Let's work together to keep streets healthy and safe' and 'New Regulations Vehicle Dwelling (LAMC 85.02)'. Simone asked for volunteers to work the WHNC booth at Springfest.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Homelessness Liaisons: Neither Simone nor Tom was able to attend the last homelessness liaison meeting. Tom distributed and reviewed a letter from Thomas Soong addressed to the homelessness liaisons titled 'Homelessness Liaison meeting March 2nd follow-up' dated Mar 10, and labeled AGENDA ITEM 6. Tom announced the Mayor's office is organizing a Homelessness Civic University on April 17, April 24, and May 1; and said all committee members may attend. Tom will get more information on the Civic U to members.
7. Operating Rules: Joan commented she does not think the word 'folks' is appropriate for the mission statement. Brad explained the mission statement is not one of the operating rules and cannot be edited by the committee. Brad will start the process to write a new mission statement for the committee to review. Approval of the Committee Operating Rules passed unanimously. Brad will ensure the committee web page is updated.
8. Youth and Education Committee: Tabled until April
9. Chatsworth Shower Program: Alec reported on his visit to Living Praise Church. His report titled 'Chatsworth Shower Program' was distributed as a handout labeled AGENDA ITEM 9.
10. Joint Shower Program with Canoga Park: Alec will speak with Corrine Ho at the CPNC meeting on February 23rd.
11. Homeless Connect Day: Simone distributed a schedule from LAHSA '2017 Calendar Homeless Connect Day.' Tom asked that committee members to attend the May 18th event in Winnetka. There was a lengthy discussion about preparing a give away and requesting budget money for participation in a Homeless Connect Day event. A decision was made to have the committee participate in the October

19th event in Woodland Hills. Tom will contact the CD12 office to request support. Simone, Olivia, Marge, and Joan will call on the faith-based organizations in the community and ask for support.

12. Faith-based Community: Simone will check with Olivia concerning the status of contacting the previously identified faith-based organizations. Simone stated it is very important to finish preparing a presentation and coordinate the planned meeting at a local mosque.
13. Speaker's Bureau: Tom and Simone will plan for the faith-based leadership meeting.
14. Budget: Alec reiterated his feeling the committee needs to have definite projects and proposals as early as possible. The committee members agreed by unanimous consent to Simone's proposed FY17-18 draft budget: total budget request - \$3000; divided equally between two projects 1. WHNC homelessness outreach, 2. Homelessness Connect Day support.
15. New Agenda Items: None

Simone adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.