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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2017

Chaminade High School, West Hills

Revised May 3, 2017

Those in attendance were: Simone Best, Tom Booth, Marge Brown, Marie Javdani, Fiona Kilner, Olivia Naturman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof (arrived 6:47 PM).

Committee Co-Chair Tom Booth called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was established.

The March meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

4. Chair Comments: The co-chairs distributed the following handouts: 'HOMELESSNESS RESOURCE NUMBERS WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY / westhillsnc.org', 'What's a Comfort Case?', 'Day to Change Flyer 2017.jpg' dated 4/27/2017, 'FY 2017-18 Homelessness Committee Budget Request', a LA Family Housing resource card, and a WHNC budget request form for community projects in the amount of \$3075. Tom announced LAC-DMH West Valley Mental Health Center open house on May 2, 2017 at 1pm-3pm at 7621 Canoga Ave, CP 91303 will focus on homelessness. All interested stakeholders are invited. Simone to add mental health agenda item regarding its impact on homelessness to the agenda for the May committee meeting.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Start Time for Homelessness Committee Meetings: Meeting start time changed from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM effective immediately.
7. Homelessness Civic U: Tom reports that the first Homelessness Civic U session downtown at LAPD HQ was well represented by WHNC Homelessness Committee with Co-Chairs Simone Best and Tom Booth, and committee members Brad Vanderhoof and Joan Trent, all in attendance. The session received mostly positive responses from attendees with presentations and Q&A provided by LAHSA, and LAPD HOPE Team personnel. Some felt the information may have been too advanced for some attendees. The second meeting was held a permanent supportive housing apartment in Sun Valley and presented by LA Family Housing staff members. Tom, the only WHNC attendee, reports that this was more informative than the first session, and included a tour of an apartment building and tenant's room.
8. New Mission Statement: Tabled until May 6:47PM
9. Faith-based Community Connection: Olivia asked if the proposed meeting is meant to be a public forum or a panel discussion of congregational leaders. After discussion of the size, scope and purpose of the meeting it was decided it would be a roundtable discussion of leaders without general public

participation. Tom, Olivia, Joan, Marge, and Fiona will coordinate the details for the roundtable and communicate with the invitees. Simone and Marie will plan the logistics. Tom will create a flyer.

10. FY17-18 Draft Budget: Simone announced she had submitted a FY 2017-18 draft budget to the Budget Committee and reviewed the proposed budget. Simone introduced the acronym HGWHO, which stands for 'home grown West Hills outreach'. After discussion; Simone increased the HGWHO outreach amount to \$400, and, at Tom's suggestion, "LAUSD" will be removed from item 5. Marie recommended reorganizing the budget by combining similar projects to look more like a grant proposal. Marie, Brad, and Simone will work on revising the draft budget. Marie will distribute a preliminary version as a google document.
11. Outreach to Homeless Stakeholders: Tom expressed a desire to have the Communication Committee work on what he called the micro-level as the Sunshine Club used to do. Tom referred to SB82 Mental Health Triage as an example. Fiona and Tom will prepare a HGWHO decision tree.
12. Animal Foster Care: Fiona will send information on a group that arranges this to committee members. Tom mentioned he heard the East Valley Animal shelter has a program. Olivia will verify.
13. Youth and Education Committee: No update.
14. Joint Shower Program with Canoga Park: No update.
15. Homeless Connect Day: Simone will contact Eddie Sanders to get information on how WHNC can be involved. Fiona announced Councilmember Blumenfield is holding a connect day in May.

Simone adjourned the meeting at about 8:00 PM (estimated time).

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.