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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2017

Chaminade High School, West Hills

Revised July 19, 2017

Those in attendance were: Simone Best, Thomas M. Booth, Aida Abkarians, Margery Brown, Elizabeth Chon LA Daily News (left 7:12 returned &:30 PM), Fiona Kilner, Jan MacQuoic (arrived 7:13 PM), Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall (arrived 7:13 PM), Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb (arrived 7:16 PM).

Committee Co-Chair Simone Best called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was established.

The June meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

4. Chair Comments: The co-chairs distributed the following handouts: Community Impact Statement Recommendation RE: CF15-1138-S15, Agenda Item 6b Original CIS filed 10/6/16, Home Grown West Hills Outreach (HGWHO); Decision Tree Discussion, HGWHO Decision Tree Example #1, #9b 'Homeless Individuals' flowcharts, LAHSA Homeless Count Request. Thomas announced Alec Uzemeck has resigned from the committee. Thomas and Simone attended the Homeless Liaison's meeting and reported that group is in transition with significant organizational changes. Tom reported on a meeting he had with members of Supervisor Kuehl's staff; Fiona Nagle, District Director for the West Valley, and Molly Rysman, SFV Homeless Liaison. At the meeting, he learned Prop HHH money is available for shelters but finding locations has proven difficult. Molly was receptive to the idea of a west SFV shelter. Fiona suggested contacting community groups in Malibu they have considerable experience with homeless support efforts. Simone reported on a meeting she had with Kevin Taylor from the Mayor's office.
5. Public Comments: Elizabeth Chon, a reporter with the Daily News, introduced herself, and stated she is attending the meeting as an observer interested in the committee's interfaith efforts, and activities related to the safe parking program.
6. Bridge Housing and Safe Parking: CIS regarding CF 15-1138-S15, motion to approve addendum to previously submitted CIS and forward a copy of the CIS to elected officials; county supervisors Kuehl and Barger, city council members, Mayor Garcetti, Assemblymember Dababneh, State Senator Stern, Congressman Sherman.
The motion was approved unanimously. Brad will prepare the CIS text for the August Board Meeting.

Simone will contact the Canoga Park Improvement Association.

7. Housing Linage Fee: Item tabled to August.

8. Interfaith Dialogue 9/27/17: Joan distributed, 'Inter-faith agenda ideas,' dated July 17, 2017, and presented her ideas for a survey. Simone and Joan will develop a survey for faith dialogue attendees. Olivia will create the survey using SurveyMonkey and send it with invitations to the September Dialogue. Thomas asked that the survey include a section on dealing with mental health issues.
9. HGWHO Decision Tree: Thomas mentioned he will investigate legal implications to make sure recommended activity is not a potential issue. Simone discussed the form and intent of the decision tree. Fiona presented and explained the decision tree example. Olivia suggested a flow chart format and the group agreed that would be preferable.
10. Homeless Connect Day: Aida distributed, 'Project Homeless Connect,' from United Way of the National Capital Area, and contact information for Jenny Portillo, LA Family Housing, from Councilman Bob Blumenfield. Aida will contact Ms. Portillo.
11. 2018 LAHSA Homeless Count: Simone explained LAHSA is requesting a three-year commitment from the WHNC. Previously WHNC has only committed to a one-year contract. Tom moved to approve a one-year commitment for 2018. The motion passed unanimously. Simone will work on the contract for LAHSA.
12. Fostering Homeless Pets: Olivia reported LA Animal Services does not provide temporary fostering but will participate in the Homeless Connect Day.
Item tabled to August.
13. Administration: Brad and Simone will review and update the website and report back to the committee in August.

Simone adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.