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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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1. Call to Order
2. Establish a quorum
3. Review and approval of minutes from August 17, 2020 meeting
4. Review and approval of minutes from September 21, 2020 meeting
5. Comments from the Co-Chairs
6. Report from Homeless Liaison, Marie
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and possible action on supporting Chatsworth Project Home Key.
9. Discussion on whether WHNC Homelessness Committee should site locations for homeless housing and services.
10. Discussion on CA Proposition 21, Local Rent Control Initiative, and its potential impact on preventing homelessness.
11. Discussion and possible action on forming a West Hills Homeless Task Force.
12. Update, discussion and possible action on Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing and alternative housing options, West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness, Olivia, Tom, Aida
 1. WVNAH Outreach Committee Provider of the Month
13. Call for future agenda items
14. Adjourn - Next meeting is Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm on Zoom Virtual Mtg

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Joint Homelessness Committee/Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2020

Telephone and Web Meeting

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Brad Vanderhoof, Kian Gholibeik, Ann Mirzahi, Marie Javadi, Saif Mogri, Margery Brown, Joan Trent, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreibman, Bonnie Klea and Christina Walsh.

1-Committee Co-Chair Olivia Naturman called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

2-A quorum was established.

3-July meeting minutes were approved with no correction.

4-Comments from the Co-Chairs: Aida Abkarians announced that the West Hills SunShine Club has collected Toiletries and FlipFlop sandals and other essential items for the unhoused to give to Ken Craft when WHNC presents him with the award.

The award ceremony would take place probably in October.

5-Report from Homeless Liaison, Mari Javdani, Homelessness in La County has increased by 12% and in La City the increased by 14%. LAHSA has announced LA has inadequate housing supply.

For a person to rent a one bedroom apartment the salary should be a minimum of \$49.00 an hour. Marie also indicated that the report shows systemic racism has caused more homelessness in the Black community. on the other hand the good news was that LA was able to house 75,000.00 people in 2019. Marie also stated something should be done with the rent moratorium, since at the end of September it should end. Mari reported on the LA City site there is map that shows by area the homeless encampments. Saif asked if the map

could pinpoint where the homeless camps are. For example there is a line of tents behind the Shadow Ranch Park.

6-Public Comment, Myrl reported that Councilman John Lee highlights the homeless issues every month in his newsletter and also has established the Angel Fund that helps housed people on the verge of losing their homes to keep their residents.

Christina Walsh indicated that Fern White has targeted her with the help of some from the Topanga Station unjustly.

John Trent asked if the count shows how many families from LAUSD are homeless. She mentioned now with the pandemic going on, the homeless students need more help.

7-Speaker Corrine Ho, was unable to attend to give her report on Tenants rights and Housing Evictions.

Olivia mentioned on the above topic that income equality is the major problem for people and that seniors and women with children and Youth and minors are more in danger of becoming homeless and needing help. Joan asked if there is a way that homeless women could get Birth Control Pills so they could be like any other women with insurance and don't have to be discriminated against. Tom said he would work on a data about this subject.

8-Ken Craft is our nominee to receive the WHNC award for his outstanding efforts on helping the unhoused population.

9-Tom Booth suggested to have a Town Hall with unhoused homeless guests so they can tell us about their experiences. The Town Hall should also talk about the government issues and different measures that can effect the homeless population.

10-Olivia suggested on more direct outreach.

Saif mentioned Canoga Park Cooling Center on Jordan Ave. is open from August 14 to August 19, 2020.

11-Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

next Homelessness Meeting date is September 21, 2020, at 6 PM



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JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2020

Telephonic and Web Meeting

Revised September 24, 2020

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Margery Brown, Kian Gholibeik, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri (arrive 6:30), Steve Randall. Anthony Scarse, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Committee Co-chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was established.

The chairs decided to record the meeting.

The approval of minutes was tabled to October.

The Homeless Liaison report was tabled to October.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Comments from the Co-Chairs: Thomas explained the purpose of tonight's program is to provide information about mental illness and substance abuse in the population experiencing homelessness.

7. Presentation on Outreach to High Utilizers of Emergency Services, by LA County Dept. of Mental Health, James Randall, LCSW, Assisted Outpatient Treatment, Garrett Lee, MPA:

Thomas introduce Jim Randall, who has ten-years of experience working for the LA County Department of Mental Health and is currently involved in the Assisted Outreach Treatment (AOT) program. Two of Jim's main points were; the system does not treat people with mental illness until they are really sick, have a crisis, or become a danger to themselves or others and; people with mental health issues often do not realize it, and refuse treatment because they think they are doing fine.

Thomas introduced Garrett Lee, LA County Department of Mental Health Outreach and Mobilization Team/Home Team, who has professional experience providing homeless and substance use disorder (SUD) services, has lived experience with substance use and is in long term recovery from SUD. Garrett said more mandated treatment is coming, which is a shift in policy. He explained housing someone takes time as the Housing Authority paperwork package is comparable to an escrow package to purchase a home. The pandemic has resulted in new programs and more resources becoming available.

Thomas moderated Q and A.

8. Update, discussion and possible action on Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing and alternative housing options, West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness, Olivia, Tom, Aida 1. WVNAH Election Debate, 2. Unhoused Town Hall, 3. Judge Carter Update Town Hall:

WVNAH has planned three events but only one has a scheduled date. Thomas explained the WHNC needs to approve use of their logo and name for each time it is used.

Request WHNC to allow use of name and logo at the WVNAH Election Debate

Passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment: None

Committee Co-chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.