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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2021

Telephonic and Web Meeting

Revised April 20, 2021

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Brian Begun, Tariq El-Atrache, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

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

Chair Comments:

Numbers refer to agenda items.

7. Report from Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority – LAHSA representative: Olivia welcomed Brittnee Hill, Director of Access and Engagement, LASHA. Ms. Hill gave an introduction to LASHA. Her department provides outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness and records all contacts in the Coordinated Entry System. She described LA-HOP, an online portal for the public to request outreach services for unhoused individuals they encounter. Minors and families with children should be reported to 211, the LA County non-emergency phone number. Mental health emergencies should be reported to 911. LA-HOP response time is typically 2-5 days.
 4. Comments from the Co-Chairs: Thomas mentioned Kian Gholibeik has resigned as a stakeholder committee member due to school commitments. He hopes to rejoin the committee in the summer.
 6. Public Comment: Joellen asked if anyone is checking unhoused individuals encamped at Shadow ranch Park for penal code 390, sexual abuse, convictions. Chris Rowe said she has checked the Megan’s Law website and found there are registered offenders living close to Hamlin Street Elementary School, and Shadow Ranch Park; in violation of the law.
 5. Report from Homeless Liaison, Marie Javdani, WHNC: The liaisons have not met. Marie has delivered NC ballot applications to the West Valley Food Pantry and Olivia verified they are being distributed.
 8. Presentation on Food Waste: Brian Begun presented his idea to collect excess food supplies from businesses to help those who are food insecure. 5.5 million tons of food are wasted annually in California. He suggested the WHNC collect information on food storage capacity in the West Valley and then connect service providers to sources of food that is otherwise wasted.
 9. Committee Name Change: Marie has suggested changing the committee name to something more inclusive and descriptive. Several additions were mentioned including; Housing, Poverty, Services, and Support. The item was tabled to May.
 12. West Hills NC Task Force on Shelter, Housing or Safe Parking options: Olivia reported there were three tents at Shadow Ranch Park the previous week but only one when the meeting agenda was posted so the number fluctuates. Thomas said the goal of the task force is to address immediate needs and get people off the street faster. There is no plan or specific strategy concerning Shadow Ranch Park.
- The meeting ended due to time constraints.
10. COVID Inoculations for Unhoused Stakeholders: Item tabled to May.
 11. Outreach to Stakeholders: Item tabled to May.
 13. Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing and Alternative Housing Options, West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness: Item tabled to May.
 14. Future Agenda Items: None

Committee Co-chair Thomas Booth adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.