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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2017

Chaminade High School, West Hills

Revised September 29, 2017

Those in attendance were: Simone Best, Thomas Booth, Tony Brosamle (arrived 7:25), Marie Javdani, Blake Clayton – Supervisor Kuehl’s office, Olivia Naturman (arrived 6:58), Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Fern White.

Committee Co-Chair Simone Best called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. A quorum was established.

The August meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

4. Chair Comments: Thomas reported he is working with a stakeholder who is concerned about the alley near her residence. The committee co-chairs will respond to concerns and primarily act as a referral service. Thomas explained the Clean Streets/Clean Starts program and stated the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council has become a partner. Thomas stated he wants the committee to have an article in the WHNC newsletter every month and asked members to think about topics. Simone announced Fern White is now a member of the committee.
5. Public Comments: Field Deputy Case Worker Blake Clayton from Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office introduced himself.
6. Inter-faith Dialogue on Homelessness: Simone announced Kevin Taylor is confirmed for the Inter-faith forum. Olivia reviewed the current RSVP status. Joan will call contacts from the list to remind them of the forum. Thomas, Joan, and Fern will create a new list of service providers and information for the WHNC website.
11. Home Again Baskets and Adopt-a-Family: Simone announced this will be on the Inter-faith forum agenda.
7. Woodland Hills Homeless Connect Day: Simone distributed and reviewed a spreadsheet, ‘Woodland hills Homeless Connect Day – October 19th, 2017.’ Olivia reported the Department of Animal Services is requiring a guarantee of at least 30 pets to bring a mobile clinic van. They will be giving out spay/neuter vouchers but without the mobile clinic they will not send a veterinarian or provide vaccinations. Blake will contact Susan Clark from Agoura Hills Animal Care and ask her to provide vaccination services. Blake will also try to get the Lava Mae shower truck for the event.
8. Community Impact Statement (CIS) for CF 17-0331-S27 HOPE Team Report: Simone distributed, ‘MOTION The City of Los Angeles is responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks and...’ presented by Mitch O’Farrell, Councilmember 13th District, stamped HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY, and date stamped MAR 28 2017, and, ‘File No. 17-0331 HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT.’ After removing, “LAHSA Outreach Teams, who are not highly trained in mental health or substance abuse protocols could be used to work on the Clean Streets Initiative with the Bureau of Sanitation.” The Committee unanimously approved a draft CIS recommending a for vote on 17-0331. Simone will send the CIS to the Board.
9. RV Parking and Bridge Housing: Thomas announced Colin Crews is the new homelessness liaison for CD12. Tony asked if committee members are capable of and willing to identify locations for safe-parking and transitional housing in West Hills. Thomas answered the concentration of individuals experiencing homelessness in West Hills does not justify a location in West Hills. Simone disagreed and stated she feels West Hills needs to be a leader in the establishment of facilities.
10. Administrative: Tabled
11. CIS for CF 17-0274 Affordable Housing Linkage Fee: Tabled
12. Suggestions for New Agenda Items: Marie asked for a continuation of the discussion on locations for RV safe-parking and bridge housing.

Committee Co-Chair Simone adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.