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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2019

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Revised February 14, 2019

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Dan Brin, Marge Brown, Nathan Freed, Saifuddin Mogri, and Brad Vanderhoof

Guest Speakers: Amy Anderson, Executive Director, and Brigid Kelly from Path Ventures

Committee Co-Chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was established.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Chair Comments: Thomas welcomed the two newest members of the WHNC Board.

5. Homelessness Liaison Report: Saifuddin cannot commit to the position of liaison but will try to attend the meetings.

6. Public Comment: None

12. Safe Parking: Marge is having problems getting government officials to respond to her inquiries. Steve commented he feels the safe parking program has been a failure so far.

8. 2019 Homeless Count: Olivia described the Homeless Count and thanked all who volunteered. The results will be available in June.

7. Presentation on Supportive Housing: Amy Anderson gave a presentation. Path is a non-profit operating statewide to address homelessness. Their programs include; building supportive housing, rental subsidies, interim housing, outreach and engagement, and support services. Path Venture, founded in 2007, mission is to develop, own, and operate affordable and supportive rental homes. They use a housing first model with few barriers to entry (sobriety, training classes, stable employment) to move persons experiencing homelessness into permanent housing quickly. People need a home to confront their challenges to stability. She also defined supportive housing and the services available. Path Ventures works as a referral for some service needs.

9. Donation to West Hills Food Pantry: Saifuddin moved to approve the N.P.G. in the amount of \$500. Aida seconded.

YES – 5, NO – 0, ABSTAIN – 1 The motion passed and will be sent to the Budget Committee

11. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness: On February 12 the County will hold a meeting on bridge housing at the Canoga Park Community Center on Owensmouth. The Alliance has several upcoming forums.

10. LAUSD Letter from Joint Ad Hoc Committee: Olivia gave an update on the Ad Hoc Committee's activities. The WHNC Board passed the letter at the February meeting.

13. Sister on the Street and Sunshine Club: The Sunshine Club has toiletries bags for the Sisters. Aida is working to get leftover feminine hygiene products from 5th grade sex-ed classes.

Committee Co-Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.