



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2019

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Approved November 18, 2019

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Marge Brown, Marie Javdani, Ann Mizrahi, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb (arrived 7:45).

Committee Co-chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was established.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as amended.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

5. Chair Comments: Aida said her godson has a friend who builds apartment buildings and would like to bring him to speak. Aida also said she attended two recent forums where SB-50 was discussed and although SB-50 proponents name ending homelessness as a goal, only luxury apartments would be built. Olivia will invite an architect she met at the Weekend to End Homelessness, who has an interest in tiny homes, to next month's committee meeting. Thomas said there is finally movement as a project in Canoga Park is approved and a project in Chatsworth is pending approval. Joanne arrived.

6. Homeless Liaison Report: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend Marie Javdani to the Board for the position of Homelessness Liaison. Thomas will ask Michelle to put the item on the November Board meeting agenda.

7. Public Comment: None

8. 2020 Homeless Count: The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the WHNC sponsor the 2020 LASHA Homeless Count.

9. 2020 Homeless Count Funding: Thomas distributed a spending request form for \$150. The Committee voted unanimously to send a funding request to the Board in the amount of \$150, as listed in the 2019-2020 WHNC Budget.

10. Positive Action in the Community: Aida distributed; 'Scott Wiener's SB 50 hans single-family zoning & targets the Valley's single family and thriving middle-class communities,' Mary's Post, Mary Kuebler is with Dominique Cavelier and 4 others,' 'Angel Hanz for the Homeless,' 'Mary Kuebler is with Sandy Spears and 6 others.' Aida mentioned Angel Hanz is a non-profit dedicated to helping persons experiencing homelessness who have pets. Olivia shared her experience meeting a man who collects food every morning from Pavilions market and delivers it to food pantries. He claimed to have been doing this for 30 years.

11. Safe Parking, Supportive and Bridge Housing: Updates in Chair comments.

12. WVNAH: No update.

13. CF 19-0002-S172, State of Emergency: Thomas distributed copies of a resolution from Rules, Election & Intergovernmental Relations, presented by Joe Buscaino, Councilmember, 15th District, date stamped SEP 25 2019. Based on a conversation with John Lee, Marie said she believes there are provisions to provide immunity from zoning and environmental laws. Marge said she believes the number of individuals experiencing homelessness has increased since January and a state of emergency should be declared.

CIS in Support; yes – 6, no – 0, abstain – 1

A CIS in support will be sent to the Board.

14. CF 19-1087, Senior Assistance: The Chairs distributed a motion from Homelessness and Poverty, presented by Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District, date stamped SEP 18 2019.

Thomas Booth recused himself.

Olivia read the motion.

CIS in Support; yes – 6, no – 1, abstain – 1

A CIS in support will be sent to the Board.

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

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