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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2020

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Approved February 10, 2020

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Brad Vanderhoof, Marge Brown, Marie Javdani, Kian Gholibeik, Saif Mogri, Tony Scarce, and Joan Trent.

Committee Co-chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was established. The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Chair Comments: Aida said the WVNAH meeting was very good. Olivia mentioned a recent increase of homeless encampment sweeps has led to some disturbing reports. She also stated news coverage has increased and the environment is becoming contentious. Thomas said the homeless liaisons will resume meeting at the end of January. He has requested some meetings be held in the SFV or on Saturdays.

5. Homeless Liaison Report: No update as the liaisons have not met.

6. Public Comment: None.

7. 2020 Homelessness Count: Olivia gave a review and update. Sixty-five volunteers are needed and forty-five have signed up.

8. Safe Parking Letter to CD 12: Olivia distributed a draft letter addressed to Councilmember John Lee asking for safe parking in CD 12. Olivia said the LAPD has stated support for safe parking. Bob Blumenfield's office is looking for a lot coordinator to work logistics for about two hours per night to check vehicles into the safe parking lot at the CD 3 office. Olivia said LAUSD and community colleges are not pursuing safe parking at this time. Marie read a version of the Olivia's letter she rewrote by changing the order of paragraphs. Thomas said LAMC 85.02, creating a map defining where overnight parking is prohibited, has expired but there is a pending motion to extend. The section regarding 85.02 will be removed from the letter to Councilmember Lee. A request to expedite funding for currently approved locations will be added to the letter.

Vote to approve the letter as amended and send to the WHNC Board

The vote passed unanimously.

The letter will be typed by Marie, reviewed by Olivia and Brad, and then sent to the WHNC Board.

9. At Risk Individuals Experiencing Homelessness / Providing Service Linkage: Marge said she thinks the police should be using the provisions of 51.50 to initiate more mandatory holds. Thomas asked committee members to think about what we could do to follow through with one homeless person from first contact to permanent housing. Aida, Saif, Marge, Joan, and Thomas will work on this.

10. Winter and Year-round Shelters in the West Valley: Thomas said there is no winter shelter in the west SFV. The closest shelter is in the east valley, Pacoima, and is always full. There are no shelter beds for single males in the west SFV. Thomas said he would like to see shelters in place while the long-term solutions of supportive and bridge housing are constructed.

11. Local: Item tabled to February.

12. Supportive Housing: Item tabled to February.

13. WVNAH: Item tabled to February.

14. Meeting Location: Item tabled to February.

15. Future Agenda Items: None.

Committee Co-chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Location TBD.