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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2021

Telephonic and Web Meeting

Approved September 20, 2021

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Esperanza Butler, Kian Gholibeik, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. A quorum was established.

Chair Comments: None

Numbers refer to agenda items.

3. Minutes of July 19, 2021: The minutes were approved.

4. Comments from the co-chairs: Esperanza mentioned a post from John Lee about vaccination sites. Aida reported Pastor April said the Mayor's office committed to sending a mobile vaccination unit for individuals experiencing homelessness. Aida also said she wants accountability for public funds like prop. HHH.

5. Public comment: None

6. Meeting with the following regarding new laws and regulations: • Housing – Encampments in the Valley and distributions of the HHH money • Ron Galperin – LA City Controller • Councilmember John Lee • Ken Craft • Kari McNamee – LAPD Senior Lead Officer • Jesse Gabriel – 45th District Assemblymember • Scott Schmerelson – LAUSD School Board Member • Tanaz Golshan – Mayor's Office, West Valley Field Representative • Congressman Brad Sherman's Office, Representative: Aida said she would prefer an in person meeting. Aida will continue to investigate and the project is on hold until in person meetings are allowed.

7. Food waste presentation and feeding those in need: Aida said this item has been on the committee agenda for three months with no action and will be removed. Item tabled.

8. Report on the West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH) • WVNAH is an alliance of community leaders and neighborhood councils in the West San Fernando Valley. The focus of the alliance is on issues surrounding homelessness: Aida provided an update on the group's activities. Aida also said any activity with WVNAH needs WHNC Board approval, and WVNAH may start endorsing candidates for political office, which, of course, the WHNC (and the Committee) must distance itself from.

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday September 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.