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Subcommittee on Homelessness Minutes (r2)

July 18, 2016 -- 6:00 to 7:00 pm

West Hills Hospital, 1st Floor Conference Room
7300 Medical Center Drive, West Hills, CA

Called to order 6:03pm.

1. In attendance: Simone Best, Tom Booth, Marge Brown, Olivia Naturman, Joan Trent, Alec Uzameck, Fiona Kilner (stakeholder) and Brad Vanderhoof (stakeholder). Corinne Ho (President, Canoga Park N C), JJ Popowich (President, Winnetka NC). A quorum is established.

Welcome to special guests Corinne Ho, President of Canoga Park NC and JJ Popowich, President, Winnetka NC.

2. **Minutes-** The minutes from June 2016 were reviewed and tabled to the August meeting in order to allow for additional review by the co-chairs.
3. **Comments from the Co-chair:** Tom thanked everyone who showed up for tonight's meeting. The city, BOS and State are looking for more funding for homeless housing and this information will be sent out to the other Neighborhood Councils.
4. **Business/ Homeless Mobile Outreach Update:**
 - Alex had previously been asked to distribute information educating businesses at the Fallbrook Mall on effective homeless outreach. A suggestion was made to meet with Fallbrook Mall manager in order to get mall management to distribute the Homeless Outreach information to all the stores. Alex will rethink this request and asked that this item be tabled to the August 2016 meeting.
 - JJ and Corinne would like to see the business outreach information and asked that it be emailed to them for review.

Actions: Simone or Tom to send business and homeless outreach information to Corinne and JJ.
5. **Budget Committee Meeting** – The Budget Committee is meeting on 7/19/16. WHNC is \$16,000 over on the draft budget. There will be push back on some items. Simone, Tom, Fiona and Alec will attend. In past years the council had a surplus at the end of the year and had to spend on projects or items of less importance, the committee does not want that to happen in FY 16-17.
6. **CIS on CF16-0047** – Due to some confusion CF16-0047 was revisited by the committee. Simone moved and Alec seconded to recommend a For vote to the Board of Directors on CF16-0047 which would place a ballot measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot that would authorize General Obligation Bonds for Homelessness and Housing. Motion passed on a vote of 6 Yes. 0 No and 1 abstention.
7. **CIS on CF15-1138-S11** Simone moved and Marge seconded to strongly recommend a For vote to the Board of Directors on CF15-1138-S1 which would direct EMPLA to report on a process that would incorporate input from Neighborhood Councils on Homelessness, including establishing a Homeless Advocate Program. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

8. An in-depth discussion of a joint venture with adjacent NC's was tabled to the August meeting in the hopes of getting Chatsworth, Woodland Hills/Warner Center and Reseda to the table. Simone reported that she sent a letter to the President of Chatsworth NC and had no response. JJ volunteered to contact Reseda, Corinne volunteered to contact WH/WC and Fiona volunteered to contact Chatsworth and invite them to the next meeting.

The committee members were so enthusiastic about the possibility of a joint venture they kept talking. Other suggestions were offered

- Corinne-does not want duplicated efforts. How to address CIS's especially. Her Ad hoc committee has not met yet and would like input as to the content of their first agenda.
- Tom and Simone intend to try and not have silos or duplications. We should connect the "Silo's" and duplication by sharing resources, direct service and business outreach.
- Alec was very impressed with the W. Hollywood effort for Homeless Connect. He understand the focus on housing but direct contact is still needed for everyday items such as socks etc.
- JJ noted that Winnetka NC voted for Ad hoc homeless committee, but he is looking for information and learning from others. JJ is also interested in partnering.
- Question: On joint ventures with other NC's maybe a good thing to reach out to Mitch Englander for Homeless support similar to how Bob Blumenfield has supported safety issues.
- **Next steps** for own area. (Resources/direct service/business outreach). Then maybe a project for later on which might be a presentation on "**Demystifying Homelessness**". Tom + Fiona to be the presenters.
- Sebastian Ridley-Thomas is spearheading bill in Sacramento and wants to know more on what the city is doing (assemblymember.ridley-thomas@assembly.ca.gov).
- Get on VANC agenda.
- Start small.

Tabled items 8-11 for next meeting.

Adjourned @ 7:10 PM.