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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2018

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Revised January 27, 2018

Those in attendance were: Simone Best, Thomas Booth, Aida Abkarians, June Booth, and Margery Brown (arrived 7:15), Tikesha Hearn (left 8:10), Olivia Naturman, Ruby Acedo (left 8:10), Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof. Committee members Marie Javandi, and Fern White were absent.

Committee Co-Chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. A quorum was established.

The December meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

4. Chair Comments: Simone announced she is attending the LA City Homeless Strategy Committee, and the HHH Administrative Oversight Committee meetings on Thursday, January 25. She invited committee members interested to carpool with her to City Hall. Simone is working with Pierce College students to organize a 'Students Against Homelessness' activist group. The next Homelessness Liaison meeting is on January 30th in DTLA. Simone announced she has applied for a seat on the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, and joined the Justice and Action Committee at Emerson Universal Unitarian Church to pursue social justice and homelessness issues.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Meetings with Supervisor Kuehl's Staff: Thomas announced the next meeting is February 14th at 1:00 PM.
8. CF 17-1422 Permanent Supportive Housing: Simone presented the proposed ordinance and the issues raised by the WHNC Zoning and Planning Committee concerning setbacks and parking. Thomas moved to approve a CIS in support of CF 17-1422. Aida seconded. Ayes – 6, Noes – 1 the motion passed. Simone will send the CIS to the WHNC Board. Brad agreed to write a brief summary explanation of the CF if needed.
9. CF 17-1432 Interim Motel Conversion: Simone presented the proposed ordinance. Simone called for a vote on a CIS in support of CF 17-1432. The CIS in support passed unanimously. Simone will send the CIS to the WHNC Board.
10. 2018 Budget: Simone proposed returning or releasing funds dedicated to cancelled projects in the planned 2018 Homelessness Committee budget to the WHNC Budget Committee for reallocation. Aida pointed out a planned forum was not included in the 2018 budget and will require funding. **Aida and Olivia**

both felt we should contact LAUSD Homeless representative to follow-up on the contact made through the Education committee. Olivia will report findings at the February meeting. Thomas suggested planning to use some of the funds for another interfaith meeting. Tikesha suggested using the welcome home project funds for homeless survival kits. Item tabled to February. Thomas, Simone, Tikesha, and Ruby will form a working group to plan interfaith dialogues. They will invite Arshia from the Islamic Center to join. No meeting date was set.

11. Homeless Services Referral Guide: No update.

12 LAHSA Homeless Count: Thomas reviewed the setup of the deployment site and the schedule. Thomas assigned roles to committee members who will coordinate activities at the deployment center. Thomas confirmed the Senior Center parking lot availability is confirmed.

Committee Co-Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.