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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2018

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Revised October 17, 2018

Those in attendance were: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Sandi Bell (arrived 6:37 PM), Simone Best, Dan Brin, Marge Brown, Esperanza Butler, Jill Guterrez, Marie Javandi, Heidi Manning, Steve Randall (arrived 7:19 PM), Harry Sherman, Joan Trent (arrived 6:46 PM), and Brad Vanderhoof.

Harry Sherman left at approx. 6:20 PM

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

Numbers refer to agenda items.

3. Review of September minutes: Item tabled to November.

4. Chair comments: none

5. Homelessness Liaison: Simone is presenting at the next homeless liaison meeting. Simone explained the role of a neighborhood council homeless liaison. Thomas and Olivia asked Simone to try and find out where funding from H and HHH is going and request more transparency. They especially want to know how much is going to the West San Fernando Valley as the homeless count is up in proportion to the rest of the City.

6. Public comment: none

7. 2019 Homeless Count: Simone explained the process for the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count and announced Marie will play a major role in organizing the 2019 count.

Harry Sherman returned at 6:39 PM

8. Sunshine Club: Aida distributed; "Los Angeles Unified School District Homeless Education Program School Supply List"- "Homelessness Committee Collection List"- "Homelessness in California Higher Education."

9. Joint forum(s): Thomas explained there is a new alliance of West Valley NCs to work on public awareness of homelessness. Thomas distributed "Agenda Item #9 Draft Motion." The following amendments were approved; change word 'image' to 'logo'- change 'educate' to 'communicate with'-add the word 'and' after 'councils'-change 'providers' to 'community organizations'-add 'multiple' before 'community organizations.'

Vote to accept the amended motion

Yes-7, No-1

The motion passed and will be sent to the WHNC Board of Directors.

10. Guest Speaker: Thomas distributed "Harry Sherman Bio"-Frequently Asked Questions RE: Saying Yes to Being a Safe Parking Partner" and introduced Mr. Sherman. Thomas gave an overview of safe parking and some data. There are six safe parking locations in Los Angeles including one in the San Fernando Valley (North Hollywood). According to the Mayor's office safe parking is considered bridge housing and eligible for Proposition H funds. There are an estimated 9100 vehicles with people living in them on the streets of Los Angeles.

Harry introduced Jill with a short bio. Jill is an artist who lives in her car in the North Hollywood safe parking location.

Steve Randall arrived at 7:19 PM

Jill described the experience of living at a safe parking location and compared it to living in a vehicle on the street.

10. Harry announced the Board of Directors for Prince of Peace church in Woodland Hills has approved becoming a safe parking location.

Sandi left at 7:35 PM

Harry distributed "Safe Parking – The Facts."

11. Future agenda items: no discussion

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

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.