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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2018

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Revised December 19, 2018

Those in attendance were: Aida Abkarians (arrived 6:35), Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman (arrived 6:35), Faye Barta, Simone Best, Dan Brin (arrived 7:00), Marge Brown, Marie Javdani, Tanya Kitchen, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Committee Co-Chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was established. The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

6. Public Comment: Tanya Kitchen introduced herself.

5. Homelessness Liaison Report: Simone said, "They are building like crazy downtown." She also reported there are four projects in the San Fernando Valley east of I-405 and none west of I-405. Simone explained the roles and responsibilities of homelessness liaisons. Thomas asked for a volunteer to replace Simone as the WHNC homeliness liaison.

4. Chair Comments: none

7. 2019 Homeless Count: Thomas explained the current status of the planning for the count. Simone asked for written commitments from coordinators because LAHSA requires them. WHNC coordinators;

Deployment site coordinator – Olivia Naturman

Volunteer coordinator – Thomas Booth

Hospitality coordinator – Aida Abkarians and Marie Javandi

Olivia reviewed a conference call she and Marie participated in. There needs to be copies of a resource list for at the deployment site available for volunteers. Simone and Thomas described the process on the night of the count.

8. 2019 Homeless Count Expenditure of \$175 for Food and Beverages: The motion passed unanimously and will be sent to the Board.

9. LAUSD Proposal to House Students in Unused Facilities/Properties: The Committee will ask LAUSD to provide a speaker to answer questions at a committee meeting. Aida will try to arrange this. Olivia will send a letter to members of the Homelessness, Zoning and Planning, and Youth and Education committees asking for volunteers to join a workgroup to draft a proposed letter to the LAUSD.

10. Safe Parking: Temple Judea has decided not to participate based on the requirement to guarantee parking seven nights a week. This will probably be the same problem for other temples amenable to becoming a safe parking site.

11. Sisters of the Street and Sunshine Club: After meeting with Sisters on the Streets, Olivia's leadership students have decided to prepare hygiene kits. The Sunshine Club is continuing to collect donations.

12. West Valley Alliance on Homelessness: Following a very successful forum in Woodland Hills, the Alliance is planning four more forums; February 16 at Granada Hills High School, Chatsworth High School, One Generation, and TBD. They are also planning on setting up supportive housing facility tours on a quarterly basis.

13. Future Agenda Items: Thomas stated LAUSD or bridge housing will be the focus for January. Marge asked for a review of the homeless population demographic for West Hills from the LAPD Senior Lead Officers.

!!!FAREWELL PARTY FOR SIMONE BEST!!!

Committee Co-Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room. **PLEASE NOTE this is not the usual meeting date.**