



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2019

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Revised June 26, 2019

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians (arrived 6:38), Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Gaylen Bartmus, Marge Brown, Carolyn Harris (arrived 6:15), Marie Javdani (arrived 6:21), Laura Rathbone (left 7:11), Sofia Steryo-Bartmus, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Zachary Volet (arrived 7:50), Joanne Yvanek-Garb (arrived 7:21)

Committee Co-Chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was established. The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Chair Comments: Olivia said LAHSA is trying to develop a comprehensive list of all homeless services available in the city. Aida Abkarians arrived.

Aida stated she saw student artwork with a homelessness theme on display at Hale Charter Middle School.

5. Homelessness Liaison Report: Currently there is no liaison for the WHNC.

6. Public Comment: Sofia introduced herself and Gaylen. They are interested in the problem of homelessness and have been active in many support organizations including Hope of the Valley.

10. Safe Parking Discussion: Laura described her experiences running a safe parking location at North Valley Caring Center on Sepulveda in North Hills. Shower facilities and breakfast are provided 3 days a week. Twenty-four residents have transitioned to housing with eleven of them finding permanent housing.

Carolyn Harris arrived.

Security is on-site the entire night. The program started as a six-month pilot and was recently extended for one year.

Zachary Volet arrived.

Carolyn introduced herself and said she has started a homeless outreach services program at First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills on Fallbrook.

Laura Rathbone left.

7. 2019-2020 Homeless Committee Budget: Thomas distributed a budget request form with a total requested amount of \$2250; Homeless Count \$250, Connect day \$500, One Generation Symposium \$750, Interfaith Forum \$500, printing \$250.

Thomas moved to accept and submit the budget. Olivia seconded.

The motion passed unanimously. The committee chairs will send it to the Budget Committee.

8. CIS on CF 18-0610-S2, Eviction Right to Counsel: Thomas distributed two motions; one presented by Councilmember Koretz, Fifth District, stamped HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY, and date stamped JULY 01 2011, and a second presented by Councilmember Koretz, Fifth District, stamped HOUSING, and date stamped JUN 22 2018. Zachary explained the intent of the motions and that the proposed five million dollars of funding for the program is from a total of ten million dollars of unallocated funding previously set aside for homelessness issues.

Joanne Yvanek-Garb arrived.

Discussion centered on whether this would be an effective way to prevent residents of rental properties from becoming homeless or if the money would be better spent providing housing and shelter beds, and if legal aid is already available from other sources.

Olivia moved to provide a CIS in support. Marie seconded.

Yes – , No – , Abstain –

The Committee a CIS in support of CF 15-1138-S40.

The Chairs will request an item be placed on the June Board Meeting agenda.

9. CF 19-0411, Family Homelessness: Thomas distributed a motion from Councilwoman Martinez, sixth district, stamped HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY, and date stamped APR 17 2019. Olivia summarized the coordinated entry system.

Olivia moved to provide a CIS in support. Thomas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously. The Chairs will request an item be placed on the June agenda.

11. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness: Thomas distributed a flyer on the Saturday, June 1st Homelessness Solutions in formation fair at One generation 18255 Victory Blvd, Reseda CA from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

Committee Co-Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.