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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2019

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Approved December 16, 2019

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Marge Brown, Sandrine Germain (arrived 7:29), Kian Gholibeik, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall (arrived 7:17), Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvank-Garb (arrived 7:08).

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

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Chair Comments: Olivia said Giving Spirit will be assembling help kits for the homeless and is looking for volunteers. On Saturday morning Swagatham restaurant is donating 50 boxed meals that do not require refrigeration for delivery to individuals experiencing homelessness. Aida said the Sunshine Club will collect donations at the Platt Starbucks on December 7. On Dec 8, there will be a kit building project at Aida's house. Thomas said there will be an open house to provide information about the bridge housing project Planned for Canoga and Saticoy. The open house will take place at the Rose Goldwater Community Center at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 21.

6. Public Comment: None

7. 2020 Homeless Count: The San Fernando Valley count is January 21. Olivia is the site coordinator. Marie will oversee volunteer recruitment, and Aida is handling refreshments. Volunteers (2 to 4 per car) are needed to cover 17 tracks.

Olivia left at 6:57 PM

5. Homeless Liaison Report: The last scheduled liaison meeting was cancelled and is not rescheduled until January. Controller Ron Gallperin wrote a report critical of HHH spending.

Thomas Booth recused himself.

9. Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for One Generation Senior Symposium: Aida said West Hills residents use One Generation services. Marie asked what the WHNC would get in return and if the symposium is related to homelessness. Brad explained some of One Generation's services. Marge said she does not support participating and \$500 is a lot of money.

Joanne arrived 7:08 PM

Joan asked what exactly the money would be used for. Marge suggested the WHNC do a special event of their own instead.

Steve Randall arrived at 7:17 PM.

Marie moved to approve the NPG for \$500.

Marge and Joan think \$500 is too much. Joan suggested \$250.

The motion was withdrawn

The item was tabled to December.

Thomas returned at 7:24 PM.

10. Positive Action in the Community: Aida would still like to give certificates of appreciation to Mary Kuebler and Angel Hanz.

11. Safe Parking, Supportive and Bridge Housing: No update.

12. WVNAH: No update.

13. WVNAH Interfaith Forum: Item tabled to December.

14. CA Senate Bill 66: item tabled to December

15. Moving Committee Meeting Location to the El Camino Charter High School Independent Study Campus on Shoup:

Yes – 6, No – 1, Abstain – 0

Olivia returned at 7:29 PM.

Sandrine Germain arrived at 7:29 PM.

Sandrine introduced herself as an architect from France specializing in wood construction. She has two technical patents. After the tsunami in Indonesia she worked on humanitarian aid. She has a plan for a park of 100 to 200 tiny homes managed as a farm. She envisions residents with a mix of economic situations and compared the park to an artist's colony. Home ownership will be an option.

Steve was positive. Brad suggested something smaller to start, but Sandrine said her business model requires that number of units to be profitable.

Marie, Kian, and Marge left at 7:41 PM.

Sandrine estimated per unit cost at \$57K. Aida asked how the WHNC can help. Sandrine responded to contact the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the contractor True Development. She projects the project will return 30% to private investors.

Committee Co-chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.