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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2019

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Revised December 17, 2019

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians (arrived 6:46), Thomas Booth, Cathy Carpenter, Daniel Grigorian, Olivia Naturman, Sandrine Germain, Marie Javdani, Ann Mizrahi, Steve Randall (arrived 7:15), Tony Scarce, Joan Trent (arrived 7:15), Brad Vanderhoof, Zach Volet, and Joanne Yvank-Garb (arrived 7:15).

Committee Co-chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. A quorum was established. The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Chair Comments: Thomas said the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the Boise case involving individuals being arrested for sleeping on the street. The lower court decision to prohibit arrests for sleeping on streets will stand. Olivia said she feels things are moving in a positive direction with more organizations working together.

5. Homeless Liaison Report: No update as the liaisons have not met.

6. Public Comment: Daniel Grigorian, a family friend of Aida, introduced himself as a realtor in the west SFV attending the meeting to observe and learn.

8. 2020 Homelessness Count: Olivia gave a review and update. Sixty-five volunteers are needed and seventeen have signed up to date. Olivia asked all committee members to register and recruit family and friends.

Aida arrived.

7. Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) to One Generation for \$500 to support the Senior Symposium:

Thomas welcomed Cathy Carpenter.

Thomas Booth recused himself.

Cathy was a former program director at One Generation and originated the Senior Symposium event with the Reseda Neighborhood Council. She gave a history of the event. She said the NPGs from NCs provide hot meals at an all-day event for many seniors who need them. One Generation case managers serve over 100 West Hills residents. At the symposium they project serving over 1000 meals at a cost of about \$8 each.

The NPG was unanimously approved.

Thomas Booth returned.

11. Safe Parking, Supportive and Bridge Housing: Thomas said 23133 Sherman Place has been proposed as a site for family housing and a homelessness services center. The WHNC Zoning and Planning Committee is working on this.

Aida moved to support the effort. Marie seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Tiny Homes: Sandrine said she thinks the former Rocketdyne site in Canoga Park is perfect for her project. She believes no cleanup would be required as tiny homes are built above ground.

Joanne, Joan, and Steve arrived at 7:15 PM.

Her new concept is a farm hotel.

Zach arrived at 7:20 PM.

She feels there is room for 1000 tiny homes on the site, along with a farm, hotel and retail. She has created an informational website.

Sadrine distributed, "Register at 150tinyhomes.org/welcome/

A partnership with the agricultural school at Pierce College is another idea Sadrine wants to explore.

10. Positive Action in the Community:

11. Safe Parking, Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing: Item tabled to January.

12. WVNAH: No update.

13. El Camino Real North Campus on Shoup: Item tabled to January.

Committee Co-chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.