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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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1.	Call to Order	1 min		
2.	Establish a quorum	1 min		
3.	Review and approval of minutes from February 10, 2020 meeting	3 mins		
4.	Comments from the Co-Chairs	3 mins		
5.	Report from Homeless Liaison, Marie	3 mins		
6.	Public Comment	3 mins		
7.	Discussion and possible action on approving 2020-21 Budget for Fiscal Year	10 mins		
8.	Report on 2020 Homeless Count Results, Marie	10 mins		
9.	Discussion and possible action on updated Emergency/Bridge Housing to CD 12, Olivia	10 mins		
10. Discussion and possible action on linking services to high profile, high emergency				
	Utilizer – Thomas			
11.	Update on positive local events, people and solutions related to homelessness, Aida	2 mins		
12.	Update, discussion and possible action on Supportive Housing, Bridge	2 mins		
	Housing and alternative housing options, West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on			
	Homelessness, Olivia, Tom, Aida			
13.	Call for future agenda items	1 min		
14.	Adjourn - Next meeting is Monday July 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm on Zoom Virtual Mtg	1 min		

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JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

El Camino Real Charter High School North Campus

Those in attendance: Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Brad Vanderhoof, Saif Mogri, Dan Brin, Ann Mizani, Joan Trent and Aida Abkarians, (arrived at 6:32pm); stakeholders in attendance, Christina Walsh, Julie Kanemura, Brandon Corrales, Keun Ellikkal and Spencer Smilnik.

Committee Co-chair Olivia Naturman called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was established. The minutes from the January 2020 meeting were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

- 4. Chair Comments: Olivia welcomed attendees to new meeting location.
- 5. Homeless Liaison Report: No update.
- 6. Public Comment: Stakeholder Christina Walsh commented on an agency called "People Policy. org" that provides sustainable solutions to protect resources; recent efforts include sponsoring unhoused residents in Santa Ynez. Stakeholder Spencer Smilnik commented on a 501(c)3 called "Bless Our Homeless Neighbors" a community charity that provides clothes to those in need.
- 7. 2020 Homelessness Count: Olivia gave a review and update including less visible homelessness in West Hills, results will be release in late May or June 2020.
- 8. Emergency/bridge Housing Letter to CD 12: Thomas read draft letter addressed to Councilmember John Lee asking for immediate creation of emergency shelter and bridge housing.
- . Vote to approve the letter as amended and send to the WHNC Board
 - The vote passed unanimously.
 - The letter will be amended for typographical errors and then sent to the WHNC Board.
- 9. CF-19-0999, Micro-Unit Pilot Program Report: Discussion concluded with vote to approve (6-yes, 1-no) sending to WHNC Board 10. At High Risk Individuals Experiencing Homelessness /Providing Service Linkage: Thomas reported that employee of LAC-DMH will speak at next month's Homelessness Committee Meeting on this topic. Aida, Saif, Marge, Joan, and Thomas will continue to work on this as a subgroup.
- 11. Local: Aida reported on local resident, Angel Hanz, who helps with local unhoused residents.
- 12. Bridge Housing: Thomas reported Canoga Park Bridge Housing location is scheduled to open late 2020 with 80 beds.
- 13. Future Agenda Items: Saif reported the need that came out of Public Safety Committee for a Safe Parking Forum in conjunction with the Safe Parking Letter to CD 12.

Committee Co-chair Olivia adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Location ELCO HS North Campus.

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Spending Request Form

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Number	Point Person (Email)	Title	Description (limited to 25 words)	Names of Participants	Number of Participants	Committee	Deadline*
			Regular Zoom virtual Town Hall meetings with elected offices, providers and the public to get updates and advocate for humane solution focused plans and actions to end homelessness Virtual Town Hall that is open to public and asks elected offices and LAHSA what happens after Project	Patricia Bates, Mihran KalaydjianM, ON, Mike Benedetto, CD Harry Sherman, Glenn			
13	Tom Booth	Advocacy / public information	Roomkey and Park and Rec Shelters close	Bailey, AA	9	Communication/Legislative	
			Create a policy for advocating for Actions that benefit the Homeless. The strength of WVNAH can go a	Mihran Kalaydjian Harry Sherman Loraine Lundquist ON Tom Booth Rita Dunn Mike Benedetto			
12	Harry Sherman	Advocacy	long way	AA	8	Legislative	
3	Ken Ross (kenrossdds@aol. com)	Campaign for passage of CF 19-1413	Convince council members to agendize then pass Koretz CF 19-1413. Identify SFV land parcels (away from residences, businesses). Design, install, populate temporary housing sites for social distancing.	Mihran Kalaydjian, Patricia Bates, SM, Mike Benedetto, Rita Dunn, CD	6	Action/Housing	
			When someone contacts a WVNAH member about an unhoused citizen with an immediate problem, this	Mihran Kalaydjian Harry Sherman			
9	Harry Sherman	Create an Emergency Task Force	Task Force works to connect that person with help or services.	RC, TB, ON, AA	6	Communication	
10	Harry Sherman	Outreach to Outreach	Keep in contact with outreach teams that are in the encampments regularly, to ask what their current needs are. Then help with those needs.	Mihran Kalaydjian Harry Sherman RC Patricia Bates Tom Booth, Loraine Lundquist	6	Communication	
17	Tom Booth	Advocacy for Alternative Housing options	Explore, advocate and educate for housing options, i.e https://www.palletshelter.com/	AA Loraine Lundquist ON Glenn Bailey Mihran Kalaydjian, Gail Lapaz	5	Legislative	
5	Mike Benedetto	Organize nonprofit	Possible 501(c)3 or 501(c)6 with a foundation to be used to fund future events and goals	Mihran Kalaydjian, RC, KR, Mike Benedetto	4	Outreach	
7	Mike Benedetto	Take a field trip to the Samaritans Center	To explore the possibility of establishing our own center or other facilities	CD, KR, Mike Benedetto, Gail Lapaz	3	Outreach	
11	Harry Sherman	Services-Self Education	Identify needed services and then get educated on how a faith or other organization can start those services at their locations.	Mihran Kalaydjian Harry Sherman TB	3	Communication	
14	Pat Bates	More Outreach to outreach	Amplifying on #10 - reach out to individuals and organizations such as Hope of the Valley, LAFH, even LAHSA which not only do outreach to encampments but operate and facilitate shelters, housing, etc. Identify needed are	Patricia Bates,TB, Harry Sherman	3	Outreach	
15	Tom Booth	Volunteer resources	Create list of ways in which the public can volunteer	Mihran Kalaydjian RC AA	3	Communications	
16	Tom Booth	Fundraiser for Providers	Hold a drop off event for providers w/appropriate social distancing	AA, RC, Mihran Kalaydjian, Gail Lapaz	3	Communication	
1	Ray Cole	Masks for Unhoused	Obtain donations of masks for unhoused individuals and outreach to distribute to those in need	Harry Sherman, Thomas Booth	2	Outreach	
	Gina Thornburg (GinaT.		Committee to raise funds & material necessities for unhoused people, & for people transitioning to shelter or	Mihran Kalaydjian, Mike			
2	cfvn@gmail.com)	Form the Material Needs Committee Influence officials to make changes on	housing.	Benedetto	2	Action/Housing	
4	Brandii Grace	our approaches toward homelessness	Possible design or bridge housing with hive cubicle Set up a GoFundMe. Actively pursue athletes, musicians, and others for to sponsor events and goals and	Mihran Kalaydjian, RC	2	Action/Housing	
6	Mike Benedetto	More funding and outreach possibilities	their expenses	KR,Mike Benedetto	2	Outreach	
8	Gina Thornburg	Form a WVNAH Advisory Board	The composition of the board would be of people working in the homelessness-services sector, from nonprofits and government agencies.	Mihran Kalaydjian			
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17 Tom Booth Volunteer resources Create list of ways public to volunteer							

*Sometimes, WVNAH projects may be proposed to take place in conjunction with relevant events in our West Valley communities, such as Homeless Connect Days. Other projects may be ongoing, self-sustaining projects needing long-term commitment from project point persons and volunteers.