

## JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 15, 2020

Telephonic and Web Meeting

Approved July, 2020

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Brad Vanderhoof, Dan Brin, Cinnamoo, Kian Gholibeik, Corinne Ho, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Steve Schutzah, Joan Trent, Joseph Vargas, 818 \*\*\*983.

Committee Co-chair Olivia Naturman called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. A quorum was established. The minutes from the February meeting were approved with a correction to the spelling Smilaick.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Chair Comments: Olivia said she is glad meetings have resumed. Aida reported the NPGs for emergency relief were approved.
5. Homeless Liaison: Marie said the homeless liaisons have not met and do not have a meeting scheduled.
6. Public Comment: Steve Shutzah, a local business owner, spoke about a construction site at 7621 Canoga Avenue. He feels the efforts to minimize disruption to neighboring businesses are inadequate. This will be added to the July agenda. Corinne announced an Ad Hoc Covid19 Recovery meeting will be held Sunday at 1:00 PM.
7. Discussion and possible action on approving Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021: Olivia presented a budget request for the 2021 Homeless Count.
  - Aida moved to approve. Joan seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
8. Report on 2020 Homeless Count Results: Marie gave a report on the results released by LAHSA.
  - LA County had a 12.7% increase in individuals experiencing homelessness.
  - LA City had a 14% increase in individuals experiencing homelessness.
  - LA needs housing.
  - African Americans make up 8% of the general population and 34% of the homeless population.
  - An average wage of \$41.96/hour is needed to afford housing.
9. Discussion and possible action on updated emergency bridge housing to CD 12: Thomas showed a copy of the proposed letter.
10. Discussion and possible action on linking services to high profile, high emergency: The speaker planned for the meeting was not available. This will be rescheduled.
11. Update on positive local events, people and solutions related to homelessness: Thomas presented the WHAVNA project list.
12. Update, discussion and possible action on supportive housing, bridge housing, and alternative housing options: Item tabled to July.
13. Call for future agenda items: None.

Committee Co-chair Olivia adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.