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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Monday, May 17, 2021 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
2. Establish a quorum
3. Review and approval of minutes from March 15, 2021 and April 19, 2021 Homelessness Committee meeting
4. Comments from the Co-Chairs
5. Report from Homeless Liaison, Marie Javdani, WHNC
6. Public Comment
7. Discussion of the Anaheim Community Care Response Team and how this program may be helpful in Los Angeles City and West Hills
8. Discussion and possible action on bylaws change of changing the name of the committee, i.e., "Homelessness & Housing" or "Homelessness & Poverty"
9. Discussion and possible action and presentation on food waste and feeding those in need. – Brian Begun
10. Discussion on access to COVID inoculations for our unhoused stakeholders
11. Discussion and possible action on methods of outreach to stakeholders on homelessness
12. Updates on West Hills NC Task Force to assist unhoused West Hills stakeholders with shelter, housing or Safe Parking options and updates on Shadow Ranch Park encampments
13. Update, discussion and possible action on Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing, and alternative housing options with updates from West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness, Olivia, Tom, Aida
14. Call for future agenda items
15. Adjourn - Next meeting is Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm on Zoom Virtual Mtg

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JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2021

Telephonic and Web Meeting

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman (arrived 6:15 PM), Brain Begun, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof (arrived 6:12 PM)

Public Attendance: See names list in Public Comment in Item 6 below.

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians called the meeting to order at 6:02PM. A quorum was established.

Chair Comments: No comments from the Chair

The February meeting minutes were approved, except discussion on Item 8 regarding "commandeering". To review video of mtg.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

5. Report from Homeless Liaison Marie Javdani: The Liaison Office held a meeting to discuss election Outreach to homeless stakeholders. Marie also, reported, "I've passed the information along but have yet been informed when the public meeting with service providers will be."

6. Public Comment: "Olga", a resident near Shadow Ranch Park, reported homeless encampments at the North entrance of the park that negatively impacted the quality of her life and requested support. Several public comments were made opposed to a shelter that has not been proposed by this committee –David Ayala, Traci Lambert, Trudy Latif, "Cindy", Saurabh Pandit, "Jim", Tony Stotzer, Christine Rowe, "Annalisa", Anne Bauman, Lily Cohen, Andy Beltran, "Chloe, Dipti Naida, "Fern", "Satya", Albert Lin, Darna Van Der Valk from CNC and Josh Lustyan. Hannah Bowman stated support for housing and services in West Hills and stated, "that many of the statements from the opposed group were factually untrue and stigmatized our unhoused neighbors. Shervin Aazami stated his support of housing and services in West Hills, and stated, "police have not been defunded, LAPD funding is over one-third of the City Budget, due to the disproportionate percentage of people of color are represented in our homeless population that this amounts to racism, which is equal to NIMBYism, in essence." During the public comment item, board member Steve Randall, made accusations about election candidates he opposed in the upcoming WHNC election.

7. Discussion and possible action for budget allocation for \$350 for New Friends Homeless Center.

Approved 6 yes, 1 no

8. Discussion and possible action for budget allocation for \$350 for ONEgeneration.

Approved 6 yes, 1 no

9. Discussion and possible action for budget allocation for \$200 (increased from \$100) for Bundles of Kindness.

Approved 7 yes, 0 no

10. Discussion and possible action for budget allocation for \$350 for West Valley Food Pantry.

Approved 7 yes, 0 no

11. Discussion and possible action for budget allocation for \$350 for FISH Food Pantry

No vote, tabled

Agenda items 12 through item 17 were tabled due lack of time

Committee Co-chair Aida adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2021

Telephonic and Web Meeting

Revised April 20, 2021

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Brian Begun, Tariq El-Atrache, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Committee Co-chair Olivia Naturman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was established.

Chair Comments:

Numbers refer to agenda items.

7. Report from Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority – LAHSA representative: Olivia welcomed Brittnee Hill, Director of Access and Engagement, LASHA. Ms. Hill gave an introduction to LASHA. Her department provides outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness and records all contacts in the Coordinated Entry System. She described LA-HOP, an online portal for the public to request outreach services for unhoused individuals they encounter. Minors and families with children should be reported to 211, the LA County non-emergency phone number. Mental health emergencies should be reported to 911. LA-HOP response time is typically 2-5 days.
 4. Comments from the Co-Chairs: Thomas mentioned Kian Gholibeik has resigned as a stakeholder committee member due to school commitments. He hopes to rejoin the committee in the summer.
 6. Public Comment: Joellen asked if anyone is checking unhoused individuals encamped at Shadow ranch Park for penal code 390, sexual abuse, convictions. Chris Rowe said she has checked the Megan’s Law website and found there are registered offenders living close to Hamlin Street Elementary School, and Shadow Ranch Park; in violation of the law.
 5. Report from Homeless Liaison, Marie Javdani, WHNC: The liaisons have not met. Marie has delivered NC ballot applications to the West Valley Food Pantry and Olivia verified they are being distributed.
 8. Presentation on Food Waste: Brian Begun presented his idea to collect excess food supplies from businesses to help those who are food insecure. 5.5 million tons of food are wasted annually in California. He suggested the WHNC collect information on food storage capacity in the West Valley and then connect service providers to sources of food that is otherwise wasted.
 9. Committee Name Change: Marie has suggested changing the committee name to something more inclusive and descriptive. Several additions were mentioned including; Housing, Poverty, Services, and Support. The item was tabled to May.
 12. West Hills NC Task Force on Shelter, Housing or Safe Parking options: Olivia reported there were three tents at Shadow Ranch Park the previous week but only one when the meeting agenda was posted so the number fluctuates. Thomas said the goal of the task force is to address immediate needs and get people off the street faster. There is no plan or specific strategy concerning Shadow Ranch Park.
- The meeting ended due to time constraints.
10. COVID Inoculations for Unhoused Stakeholders: Item tabled to May.
 11. Outreach to Stakeholders: Item tabled to May.
 13. Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing and Alternative Housing Options, West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness: Item tabled to May.
 14. Future Agenda Items: None

Committee Co-chair Thomas Booth adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

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