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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

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| 1. | Call to order | 1 Minute |
| 2. | Establish a quorum | 1 Minute |
| 3. | Review and approve May 5, 2022 Minutes | 5 Minutes |
| 4. | Comments from the Co-Chairs | 5 Minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aida Abkarians • Myrl Schreiber | |
| 5. | Public comment | 10 Minutes |
| 6. | Discussion and possible action on composing a letter to LAHSA about the problems and shortcomings and solutions with the Homeless Count. Draft letter attached. | 5 Minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myrl Schreiber | |

7. Discussion and possible action regarding West Valley Neighborhood Alliance (“WVNAH”) the WHNC Homelessness Committee’s continued participation with the WVNAH 10 Minutes
8. Discussion and possible action on requesting the budget for the Homelessness Committee for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. 10 Minutes
9. Meeting adjournment – Next meeting is August 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. 1 Minute

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JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2022
Telephonic and Web Meeting
Revised May 5, 2022

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Kent Mariconda, Rosi Mariconda, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. A quorum was established.

The March meeting minutes were not available for approval.

Chair Comments:

Public Comment: None

Numbers refer to agenda items.

6. Letter to LAHSA about the problems and shortcomings and solutions with the Homeless Count and requesting replies to the following questions: a. What is the number of beds available in SPA-2, Service Planning Area for the San Fernando Valley; and b. How can the Neighborhood Councils find out about the number of unhoused individuals/families in our area and how do they benefit from the funds allocated to our area?

Myrl and Kent will work on a letter.

Item tabled to a later date TBD.

7. CIS for distributing Naloxone/Narcan to the Homeless community for narcotic overdoses in case of emergency.

Item tabled to June.

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday June 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.

Dear LAHSA,

After close analysis and several discussions concerning the West Hills Neighborhood Council's volunteering each year to assist with the homeless count that LAHSA supports and encourage there are several issues to which we must have answers before we can recommend continue support from the WHNC in our community.

First and most importantly, we understand that LAHSA receives funding from the city and other sources to support this activity as well as provides remuneration to several of its helpers. In order to provide full transparency we are requiring a financial statement of the homeless count for each of the last three years as well as an overall financial statement for LAHSA. Secondly, the organization for this count each January is very distressing, if not taxing, on the volunteers in our community since LAHSA only focuses on the count and not on the members volunteering for the count. Your organization and instructions for this event constantly puts our volunteers in danger! There is no proper identification for the vehicles such as metallic signs for the vehicles; no proper forewarning to stakeholders as to what will be taking place; no protection for the volunteers who are asked to check parks, alleyways, washes and isolated areas that put volunteers at risk by irritated and indignant unhoused people. Thirdly, LAHSA required organizers to return hand scribbled dashboard signs to Panorama City very late in the evening this last count, which for the sake of safety this last year, we refused to do. Finally we have discovered that other Neighborhood Councils have refused to contribute to this yearly activity and it falls to PAID employees of LAHSA to complete the task. Our Neighborhood Council has never been informed of this option.

As co-chairs of our Homeless Committee, until LAHSA provides appropriate financial disclosures, secure an organization that puts the protection of the volunteers first as well as provide appropriate comfort for the volunteers and/or if need be, to provide a LAHSA STAFF member to assist, we are unable to recommend that we, in the future, do the annual count for the West Hills Community. Working together with full transparency are the keys to any successful important activity such as the homeless count.

Respectively,

Aida Abkarians

Myrl Schreiber