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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2018

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Revised June 19, 2018

Those in attendance were: Simone Best, Thomas Booth, Aida Abkarians, Marge Brown, Linda DeLeo, Paul Dumont (arrived 7:00), Marie Javandi, Olivia Naturman, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb (arrived 7:08).

Committee Co-Chair Simone Best called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was established.

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

4. Chair Comments: Simone explained CF 18-0440, introduced by Councilmember Englander, is a motion to put a fence around an existing DWP lot to create an impound lot for RVs. Simone also announced she has taken a part time job with the United Way as a Community Organizer. Canoga Park will have a bridge housing facility at Saticoy and Canoga on the site of the former Department of Mental Health offices.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Operating Rules: Item tabled to July.
7. LAUSD Homeless Student Project: Simone described the backpacks purchased for the project. Aida provided some donations she had collected in the community. Pomelo will coordinate with the eight elementary schools in West Hills to have second graders collect school supplies for 2019. WHNC will collect at Board meetings and promote the request for donations on social media.
8. Council File 18-0002-S71: Simone distributed a resolution titled CF # 18-0002-S71 State-Owned Properties / Housing and/or Facilities/Homeless/Availability.
A CIS in support passed unanimously.
9. 2018 Homeless Count: Thomas reviewed the results from the 2018 LAHSA Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. The overall count is down citywide but up in the San Fernando Valley. Seventeen thousand people were housed by LAHSA, which is the highest number ever. Homelessness among veterans is down but the number of homeless youth has increased. Fifty percent of the homeless population has either mental health or substance abuse issues. There was a twenty-two percent increase in the homeless population over age sixty-two. The San Fernando Valley reported the largest increase in homelessness in Los Angeles County.
10. Supportive Housing: There were no new locations reported.
11. Safe Parking: Olivia reported there is a list of vacant government properties and she will write a resolution for the Committee to request more information. Thomas will reach out to Ron Galperin.
12. Simone asked committee members to email her suggestions for future agenda items.

Committee Co-Chair Simone adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, June 16, 2018 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.