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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2017

Chaminade High School, West Hills

Revised December 18, 2017

Those in attendance were: Simone Best, Thomas Booth, Aida Abkarians, Tony Brosamle, Margery Brown, Olivia Naturman, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Fern White, and Joanne Yvank-Garb (arrived 7:05). Also present were CSUN students Tania Forero, Alberto Patricio, Lauren Kliest, and Morgan Blanchard. Committee member Marie Javdani was absent

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

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

4. Chair Comments: None
5. Public Comments: The CSUN students introduced themselves.
6. Meetings during Holidays: Thomas announced the January and February 2018 Homelessness Committee meetings will be on the fourth Monday of the month. The committee will meet on January 22, 2018, and February 26, 2018.
7. RV Parking and Bridge Housing Meeting: Thomas gave an update on plans to meet with Tim Lipman and Molly Rysman at Supervisor Kuehl's Calabasas office. The meeting is scheduled for December thirteenth and committee members are invited to attend. Thomas asked all who plan to attend to meet at one o'clock for a pre-meeting. He will email meeting details to committee members. Fern will contact the Chatsworth neighborhood Council to invite them.
8. Homelessness Committee FY 2017-18 Budget: Simone distributed, 'Draft 17-18 Mid-year Budget Revision Draft.' Simone reviewed the budget and recommended returning \$1150 to the WHNC as unallocated funds. Simone suggested using the \$450 from the HGWHO line item for printing referral information. Aida provided an update on the homeless student situation in West Hills. By consensus the group decided to delay any budget decisions. Simone stated the committee needs to have a public forum. Joan suggested a speaker she had recently heard, Johnathan Sherrin, Head of LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH). Thomas announced the December committee meeting will be devoted to a guest speaker from DMH, who has lived experience with homelessness. Simone created a workgroup to plan a forum; Thomas will lead.
9. LAHSA Homeless Count 2018: Thomas will head a workgroup. Aida, Joan, Olivia, Brad, Tony, and Marge volunteered.
10. December Committee Meeting: See discussion under item 8. The entire WHNC Board will be invited.
11. Interfaith Dialogue: no action taken
12. Council File Workgroup with Focus on Homelessness Issues: Simone expressed a desire to have a workgroup dedicated to reviewing Council files as they relate to issues of homelessness.
13. CF 17-1249, 17-1250, 17-1289 Restricted Parking for Oversize Vehicles: Simone recited a list of proposed regulations from different council districts.
14. CIS 17-1104 Encampments, Galperin Report: Thomas distributed, '17-1104 14A, Appendix I: Suggested Actions, pages 36 and 37.' Thomas reviewed the report from City Controller Ron Galperin. Thomas distributed, '17-1104 Galperin Response 14,' beginning, "West Hills Neighborhood Council supports Ron Halperin's "Report on Homelessness Encampments", dated September 27, 2017..." Thomas asked the committee to support a CIS in favor of the council file with his suggestions for additional comments. Joan stated she does not think the report and Thomas' points reflect the prevalent view of West Hills stakeholders.
Thomas called for a vote to approve a CIS in support with additional comments as per the document distributed. Yes-7, No-1, Abstain-0
15. 17-1121 Clean Streets Initiative: Simone distributed, 'motion,' beginning, "The pervasiveness of trash in the public right-of-way..." presented by, Joe Buscano, Councilmember, 15th district, date stamped SEP 29 2017. A CIS in support was unanimously approved.
16. CF 17-1287 Shelter, Storage and Navigation Center: Simone distributed, 'Motion,' beginning, "According to the 2017 Homeless Count..." presented by Paul Kerkorian, Councilmember, 2nd District, stamped INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICES, date stamped NOV 08 2017, and proposed language for a CIS beginning, "15. Discussion and possible action to support CF 17-1121 Cleans Streets Initiative..."
After discussion, Simone's CIS language was amended to remove, "We salute Councilmember Kerkorian's leadership and urge" and replace with, "The WHNC urges."
Vote to send a CIS in support to the Board: Yes-7, No-1, Abstain-0.
17. Workgroup Report – West Valley Referral Guide: Item tabled to December.

Committee Co-Chair Simone adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.