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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 11, 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 December 21, 2020 meeting
4. Comments from the Co-Chairs
5. Report from Homeless Liaison, Marie Javdani, WHNC
6. Public Comment
7. Discussion on Homelessness Committee on previous and future budget allocations for current fiscal year, Aida, WHNC
8. Discussion and possible action on Community Impact Statement to OPPOSE CF 20-1376.
9. Updates on West Hills NC Task Force to assist unhoused West Hills stakeholders with shelter, housing or Safe Parking options.
10. Discussion and possible on approval of West Hills land parcel(s) identified for housing/services, 23133 Sherman Place – Daniel Osztriecher, WHNC
11. Update, discussion and possible action on Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing and alternative housing options, West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness, Olivia, Tom, Aida
12. WVNAH Outreach Committee Provider of the Month
13. Call for future agenda items
14. Adjourn - Next meeting is Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm on Zoom Virtual Mtg (2nd Monday)

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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2020

Telephonic and Web Meeting

Revised January 3, 2021

Attendance: Aida Abkarians (left 6:55 PM), Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Margery Brown, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri (left early), Daniel Ostreicher, Bill Rose, Char Rothstein, Joan Trent and Brad Vanderhoof

Guest Speaker: Maricor Garaniel, Safe parking LA (SPLA)

Committee Co-chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. A quorum was established.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Chair Comments: Olivia Fish of the West Valley is having a donation drive and especially needs shoes, boots, clothing, blankets, cards for outreach on Christmas. Donations can be dropped off at Olivia's house.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

5. Report from Homeless Liaison Marie Javdani: No update.

6. Public Comment: Isabel Naturman said she is participating in an outreach effort every Sunday. They need 'warm wishes' holiday cards and baby wipes. They plan to try and have hot meals for the holidays instead of the sandwiches they normally distribute and everyone is invited to prepare meals even if it is only a few.

7. UPDATE - 2021 Homeless Count CANCELED due to Covid19 concerns.

8. Updates on Shelters, Housing and Safe Parking:

- Safe Parking LA Update – Maricor Garaniel, Case manager, Reseda lot, introduced herself and described services at the Reseda safe parking location. The lot is not at capacity. It is not a drive-up facility and pre-approval is required. Inquires and applications can be made at 323 310-3375, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, M-F. Thomas said there may be an RV location opening in Sherman Oaks soon.

9. West Hills Land Parcel(s) Identified for Housing /Services: Daniel Ostreicher, presented his ideas for possible housing solution locations and suggested a virtual meeting to gather information and solicit feedback. Properties suggested: 9401 is private property, is empty, and could have apartments. Bill said this property is zoned commercial and a zoning change could take forever.

Thomas moved to suggest this property. Daniel seconded.

Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstain – 0

The motion carries.

Corporate Point, 911 Center parking lot for safe parking.

Aida left at 6:55 PM.

Sherman Place, 9760 Topanga, Metro owned land that was the old sheriff station.

10. Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing and Alternative Housing Options: The Willows (LAFH), Saticoy and Canoga, is scheduled to open in January 2021 with 80 beds. The WVNAH Provider of the Month is the West Valley Food Pantry.

11. Future Agenda Items: A diaper or pet food drive was suggested.

Committee Co-chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.

- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [20-1376](#)

Title: LA Alliance v City and County of Los Angeles / Martin v City of Boise / Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment

Position: Oppose, Unless Substitute Motion is Adopted

Summary:

West Hills Neighborhood Council strongly opposes this callous and counterproductive attempt to displace and criminalize our unhoused neighbors. As the homelessness crisis continues to worsen, exacerbated by a deadly pandemic, the City Council should be putting forward real solutions. Instead, this motion will only make matters worse, accomplishing nothing more than forcibly moving unhoused Angelenos from one part of the city to another, disrupting their lives and increasing their interactions with law enforcement and the criminal legal system.

The ordinance proposed by this motion would make illegal the basic activities of unhoused people's daily lives across broad swaths of our city, despite the fact that there are not enough available shelter beds for them. This would not only be inhumane, it would also open up the City to further litigation, which our taxpayer funds will be spent defending.

Displacing unhoused people would disrupt their relationships with outreach workers and could result in the loss of valued property and documents like IDs that are often needed to obtain assistance. Furthermore, the citations, arrests, and fees that would result from the proposed ordinance would create additional impediments to obtaining employment and housing.

To make matters worse, the City would be taking these counterproductive measures in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, endangering the lives of unhoused and housed Angelenos alike by forcing thousands of unhoused people into smaller areas or into jails, in the face of CDC guidance, and increasing the virus' potential spread.

We understand the desire for clean streets and unobstructed sidewalks. But this is not the way to get there.

Improve service delivery. Increase the number of shelter beds. Invest in affordable and supportive housing. Do not waste time and resources on this short-sighted motion. Councilmember Bonin's substitute motion offers an alternative path—one that is more just, humane, and productive. We urge you to adopt it instead and take a step toward actually solving this crisis.