

Regular Meeting of the
Culver City Committee on Homelessness

January 24, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Committee Members:

<u>Present:</u>	Wahlert, John. (Chair)	<u>Absent:</u>	Davis, Wanton
	Struhl, Elaine (Vice Chair)		Lamp, Dr. Karen C.
	Brazil, Lezlie		
	Householder, Evlynne		
	King, Christopher Patrick		
	Wright, James Pastor		

City Staff

Present: Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator
Marna Johnson, Housing Division
Jeannette Kirby, Housing Division
Sandra Poveromo, Housing Division

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Item 2

MOVED BY, MEMBER BRAZIL SECONDED BY MEMBER STRUHL AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE SECRETARY'S REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF THE AGENDA, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54454.2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 3

MOVED BY MEMBER KING, SECONDED BY MEMBER, BRAZIL AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011.

RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Item 4

The Committee received an e-mail from Dave White from the Culver City Fire Department (CCFD), regarding the first and second quarter reports stating the CCFD can no longer provide quarterly reports due to the fact that they recently switched to a new records system effective February, 2012. The CCFD is researching a new system to track services to the homeless community.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Item 5

No public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Item 6

Dr. Ira Diamond announced Shoes for the Homeless is now a public benefit corporation. He said the organization recently donated over 2,400 pairs of shoes to such organizations as the Union Mission, St. Joseph, and Upward Bound House.

Member Chris King announced that someone donated a house to store the donated shoes. In addition, volunteer students from Culver City High School are assisting with this project.

Dr. Diamond thanked Scott Malsin for creating a website for the organization. He also thanked Shoes for the Homeless member, Rosie La Briola.

Member Evynne Householder, identified herself as an exercise instructor. She volunteered to provide free exercise classes at some of the local athletic clubs where she is employed, in exchange for a donated pair of shoes and possibly socks.

Member Brazil discussed the shoe box program taking place throughout the Culver City School district.

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7

A. WINTER SHELTER OPERATION (DRAFTING OF COMMUNICATION AND ANNUAL VISIT)

Chair Wahlert stated the Culver City Amory Shelter is no longer operating. Ms. Barnes suggested the committee possibly visiting either the Inglewood or West Los Angeles Shelter sometime in March. She explained that staff is working at communicating the closure to the community. In addition, LASHA has assisted in diverting the homeless to other shelters. Ms. Barnes stated to ensure homeless are assisted, they are housed either at the West Los Angeles or Inglewood Shelter. Staff posted signs at the former armory, notified parks patrol officers and provided flyers for distribution to make sure the homeless were informed about the closure of the former armory this season. Bus tokens to other shelters were also provided and distributed through the Senior Center and the Parks Patrol officer.

The Committee agreed to visit the West Los Angeles Shelter in the month of March. The invitations will be communicated by staff via e-mail.

B. CALIFORNIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) UPDATE

Ms. Barnes announced that on December 29, 2011 the California Supreme Court upheld legislation to dissolve all Redevelopment Agencies statewide. As a result, effective February 1, 2012, the Culver City Redevelopment Agency (Agency) was dissolved. Ms. Barnes explained the next steps. On January 9, 2012, the City Council approved the activation and formation of a Culver City Housing Authority (CCHA). All housing functions, assets, rights and liabilities of the former Agency were transferred to the CCHA. She continued to provide details regarding funding and the status of the Housing programs/projects.

Member King distributed a draft copy of a letter to local legislators disputing the proposal relating to the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies.

The committee approved the proposed letter. Member King accepted the responsibility to distribute this letter. The committee agreed to send this letter via email.

Moved by Chair Wahlert and Seconded by Vice-Chair Struhl to transmit this letter from the Homelessness Committee and signed by Chair Wahlert.

C. **FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER REPORTS FROM CULVER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (July 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011) and (October 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011)**

No report from the Culver City Police Department.

D. **FIRST AND 2ND QUARTER REPORTS FROM ST. JOSEPH CENTER**

Keri Harrel provided an update. She reported the Outreach team recently engaged approximately twenty-nine new homeless individuals. Media Park continues to show a noticeable increase in homeless activity in this area. Discussion followed.

E. **MEDIA PARK – JURISDICTION DISCUSSION AND HOMELESSNESS ISSUES**

This item was discussed in detail during discussion of Agenda Item D. Chair Wahlert recommended the committee invite the Culver City Police Department to consider returning to the committee's meetings and provide a quarterly report. Ms. Barnes agreed to follow up.

F. **FUNDRAISING**

Member Householder agreed to meet with the general managers of the Santa Monica and Howard Hughes Spectrum Clubs to arrange a fundraiser date for the collection of shoes and possibly sox.

STAFF UPDATES

Item 8

A. **WESTSIDE SHELTER AND HUNGER COALITION**

Ms. Kirby reminded all about the Super Bowl-a-thon hosted by the Westside Hunger Coalition scheduled for Friday, February 3rd. There is one more slot available.

B. **WSCOG-HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Ms. Barnes stated this committee has recently changed their focus in support services moving away from Homeless issues and spending more time with supporting seniors. As a result Housing staff has not attended these meetings lately. She said moving forward, based upon the situation with the former Agency, the Committee will probably spend more time in the future concentrating on homeless services.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Item 9

- A. Consideration of a Homelessness Committee Member attend a Parks & Recreations Committee Meeting
- B. Committee Term Limits
- C. First Quarterly Report from Culver City Fire Department
- D. First Quarterly Report from St. Joseph's Center
- E. First Quarterly Report from Culver City Police Department
- E. Fundraising
- F. Long Term Goals

Adjournment

Item 10

There being no further business, it was moved by Member Brazil, seconded by Member Struhl and unanimously passed at 8:13 p.m., to adjourn the Culver City Committee on Homelessness meeting to the next regular adjourned meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012.



[Sandra Poveromo]

SECRETARY of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness

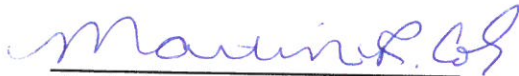
APPROVED



[John Wahlert]

CHAIR of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness
City of Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.



Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

20 FEB 2013
Date

By:


Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk