

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

December 19, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Khin Khin Gyi called the regular meeting of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness to order at 7:14 p.m. in the Patio Room.

Present: Khin Khin Gyi, Vice Chair
Darryl Cherness, Committee Member
Emily Dibiny, Committee Member
Jonathon Dilworth, Committee Member
Robert Gagnier, Committee Member
Leonardo Wilborn, Committee Member*

*Member Wilborn arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Absent: Daniel Behrendt, Chair
Amy Cherness, Committee Member
Rachel Feldstein, Committee Member

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness
Christina Stoffers, Housing Programs Manager

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The Pledge of Allegiance

The Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On The Agenda

Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness, indicated that no requests to speak had been received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness, discussed correspondence received regarding lack of a winter shelter in SPA (Service Provider Area) 5; internal programs; Fire Department response; and preparation for the 2024 Annual Homeless Count.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding procedures for helping those in need; alerting Police and Fire that the motels are activated and will accept those needing help; providing a safe place; getting people out of harm's way; intake at St. Josephs; email; and follow up.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness Meeting of October 19, 2023

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that corrections and updates to the minutes that were presented at the previous meeting had been made.

MOVED BY MEMBER JONATHON DILWORTH AND SECONDED BY MEMBER EMILY DIBINY THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2023 AS CORRECTED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DARRYL CHERNESS, EMILY DIBINY, JONATHON DILWORTH,
ROBERT GAGNIER, KHIN KHIN GYI

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: DANIEL BEHRENDT, AMY CHERNESS, RACHEL FELDSTEIN,
LEONARDO WILBORN

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Order of the Agenda

Item A-2 was considered before Item A-1 and was tabled to the next meeting.

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Action Items

Item A-2
(Out of Sequence)

Update from Staff on Member ACOHH Dibiny Status

The Item was tabled to the next meeting to allow for participation by the full Committee.

Member Emily Dibiny questioned whether she would be allowed to make comments and received clarification that she could reserve her comments for the next meeting.

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Item A-1

Update From Staff: Culver City Project Homekey Permanent Supportive Housing and Interim Housing Program

Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness, discussed the name change from Safe Sleep to Wellness Village; indicated that Wellness Village was at full capacity; discussed the one tent saved for emergencies; the phased move in to Project Homekey; the Mobile Crisis Team; the planned Wellness Fair on February 27; the focus on mental health; and interest from the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee in doing a service day for Project Homekey.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding branding for Project Homekey; visibility; the Mobile Crisis Team; development of a logo; work with the consultants; involvement of residents in the naming process;

privacy screening; occupancy; and fear experienced by those transitioning.

Member Leonardo Wilborn joined the meeting.

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Item A-3

Update From Staff on 2024 Homeless Count

Christina Stoffers, Housing Programs Manager, reported receipt of permission from LAHSA (Los Angeles Housing Services Authority) to conduct an internal homeless count; discussed challenging topography in Ballona Creek; participation by staff, the ACOHH Homeless Subcommittee, and the St. Josephs Center Outreach Team; potential Council Member involvement; use of a phone app and tangible maps; and the availability of multiple virtual training sessions for participants in mid-January.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding use of ArcGIS; addressing issues with the app; plans to count the Creek early in the morning; date and time of the Count; ensuring that teams are diverse and work together; experienced members of the team who know where to look; risks with allowing private citizens to go certain places; the prohibition on engaging with those being counted unless they approach the enumerators; timing of information release; increased transparency; raw data vs. manipulated data; including homeless individuals who are being sheltered in the Count; the next scheduled Subcommittee meeting; final numbers for 2023; defining the sheltered designation; adjustment factors applied to cars, RVs, and tents; and the formula used by LAHSA.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Vice Chair Khin Khin Gyi invited public comment.

No public comment was received.

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**Items from Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Members/Staff**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the date for the next meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:57 p.m., the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness adjourned to January 16, 2024.

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TEVIS BARNES

SECRETARY of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing
and Homelessness, Culver City, California

APPROVED

Daniel Behrendt

CHAIR of the Advisory Committee on Housing and
Homelessness, 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, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date