

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

December 17, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Patio Room.

Present: Khin Khin Gyi, Chair
Amy Cherness, Committee Member
Darryl Cherness, Committee Member
Emily Dibiny, Committee Member
Robert Gagnier, Committee Member
Patrick Godinez, Committee Member
Amberly Washington, Committee Member

Absent: Jonathon Dilworth, Vice Chair
Dana Sayles, Committee Member

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Human
Services
Christina Stoffers, Management Analyst
Brenda Diaz, Housing Assistant

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The Pledge of Allegiance

Member Darryl Cherness recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Khin Khin Gyi invited public comment.

Brenda Diaz, Housing Assistant, reported that no requests to speak had been received.

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Presentation Items

Item P-1

Safe Parking LA Presentation by Safe Parking LA Representative, Matt Tecle

Matt Tecle, Safe Parking LA, provided background on the organization; discussed context; who is served; vehicular homelessness; ticketing and towing; efforts to keep people from going on the chronic homelessness pathway; the working poor; people with jobs, homeless workers, and students; people forced into their cars due to the lack of affordable housing; providing stability; allowing for a good night's sleep; services and problem solving; the belief that a car is not an acceptable domicile; the continuum of care offered; coordination with adjacent interventions; onsite services; emergency funding and financial assistance available; individual grants; the CPS (Child Protective Services) system; service areas; impacts; referrals; number of safe nights spent in the program; participants; money awarded in financial assistance and gift cards; those transitioned into housing; placement rate; the low cost, high impact program; getting people off the public streets; the underfunded program; the need for increased investment; the point in time count that identified an increase in vehicular homelessness and reduced encampments; the need for capital to keep the program strong; funding through government contracts; and he provided contact information.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification on program hours; use of working parking lots in the program; the intake and registration process; permitting procedures; exclusion of RVs; civil engineering challenges; the assessment funded through SB2; traveler communities; voluntary and involuntary nomads; the gig economy; those without options; operating budget for the current fiscal year; providing options to meet people where they are; providing multiple entrance points into the system; the cost-effective impactful program; Measure A; the financial model; funding through LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) and the City of Los Angeles; fundraising; grants; sustainability of the program; providing meaningful

and creative interventions; multi-year funding commitments; and the strategic plan for Safe Parking LA.

Daniel Behrendt, Safe Parking LA, discussed his service on the ACOHH; vendor presentations to the ACOHH; pros and cons; outreach; services; and financial support to get back to housing.

Matt Tecle, Safe Parking LA, discussed identification of funding and he shared his contact information in the event Culver City decided to explore a Safe Parking Program.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Tecle, staff, and Committee Members regarding the previous presentation from Safe Parking LA that helped the City study the program; programming around Safe Sleep; number of people living in their cars; finding an appropriate spot for safe parking; willingness to revisit the issue; partnerships; health implications to sleeping in a vehicle; protection from the elements; space heaters and blankets provided; cold water and hand held fans available in the summer months; children; clarification that vehicles must be operational; required AAA (American Automobile Association) Membership; assistance with getting cars running; problem-solving funds; attendance policies; and those with overnight jobs.

Member Dibiny reported seeing information on Safe Parking LA on film crew pages.

Additional discussion ensued between Mr. Tecle, staff, and Committee Members regarding people who cannot afford to pay for a hotel; housing resources; VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing); reunification efforts; help with rental deposits; the 80% of participants that have some form of income; community college students living in their cars; state legislation enabling all community colleges to operate safe parking programs; statistics indicating that 30% of community college students are homeless; a potential tour of the site; pilot programs; the need for volunteers; providing additional support; and appreciation for the presentation.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

**Approval of Minutes for the Regular Advisory Committee on
Housing and Homelessness Meeting on November 19, 2024**

MOVED BY MEMBER DARRYL CHERNESS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER EMILY
DIBINY THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
HOMELESSNESS APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 19, 2024 AS WRITTEN.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: AMY CHERNESS, DARRYL CHERNESS, EMILY DIBINY, ROBERT
GAGNIER, PATRICK GODINEZ, KHIN KHIN GY, AMBERLY
WASHINGTON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: JONATHON DILWORTH, DANA SAYLES

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Recess/Reconvene

The Committee took a short recess from 7:50 p.m. to 8:02 p.m.
for a potluck.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Follow-Up Discussion on Safe Parking LA Presentation

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members
regarding support for a Committee visit to the site;
understanding how Committee Members can assist as
individuals; the need for volunteers; the upcoming Homeless

Count; a previous proposal for a Safe Parking location at Bill Botts Fields; security costs; current use of the Bill Botts parking lot into the evening hours; difficulty of finding an appropriate location that meets all requirements; site assessments as part of the update of the Homeless Plan; collaboration with Urban Alchemy for a small site; clarification that Culver City no longer works with St. Josephs Center for outreach; outreach now done by the LOVE Team from Urban Alchemy; services provided at Wellness Village and the motel; proactive outreach; collaboration with the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) to do assessments; off-hours assistance; clarification that Wellness Village and Safe Sleep are the same program; staff agreement to organize a tour; the need to provide bathrooms and showers for parking sites; a suggestion to use Apple Studios parking; the inability to go on to Apple or TikTok property without permission; current litigation regarding violations of state law and use of electric vehicle chargers; and clarification regarding City boundaries.

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Item A-2

Review Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for Updated Homeless Plan and Vote on Next Steps to Issue RFP

Tavis Barnes, Director of Housing and Human Services, provided a summary of the material of record noting that staff would bring the item back to the January meeting to allow all Members a chance to review the document; she drew Members' attention to Scope of Services in section 3; discussed the need for community meetings to gather input and feedback; engagement of the unhoused; holding meetings at either Wellness Village or Project Homekey to facilitate participation of the unhoused community in the development of the plan; and ensuring that people feel comfortable providing input.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the draft document; parking validation for the meeting; review of the RFP; initial comments; and the ability to provide input before the next meeting.

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Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

None.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding planning outreach Subcommittee meetings; the upcoming Annual Homeless Count; coordination with the Public Information Officer; outreach to businesses and neighborhood associations; clarification that badges and cards are no longer provided to Committee and Board Members; and agreement to donate extra food from the potluck to Wellness Village.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:28 p.m., the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness adjourned to a special meeting to be held on January 28, 2025.

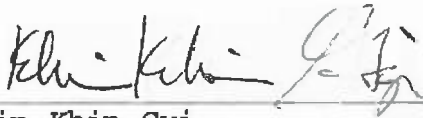
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TEVIS BARNES

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

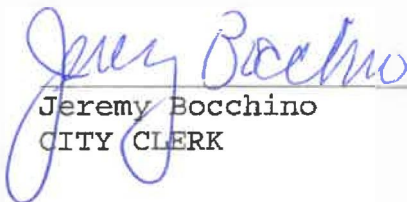
APPROVED



Khin Khin Gyi

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

12 FEB 2025
Date