

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

November 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Daniel Behrendt called the regular meeting of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness to order at 7:12 p.m. in the Gable Room.

Present: Daniel Behrendt, Chair
Bubba Fish, Vice Chair
Amy Cherness, Committee Member*
Darryl Cherness, Committee Member**
Emily Dibiny, Committee Member
Khin Khin Gyi, Committee Member
Leonardo Wilborn, Committee Member

*Member Amy Cherness arrived at 7:13 p.m.

**Member Darryl Cherness arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Absent: Rachel Feldstein, Committee Member
Lizbeth Mendez, Committee Member

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Manager
Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator

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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 – Items NOT On The Agenda

Chair Daniel Behrendt invited public comment.

Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, reported that no requests to speak had been received.

Members Amy Chernss and Darryl Cherness joined the meeting.

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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 of September 20, 2022 and October 26, 2022

Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, indicated that the minutes for the October 26, 2022 meeting were not ready in time and would be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 (ABSENT MEMBERS FELDSTEIN AND MENDEZ).

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Discussion of the 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Data

Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, reported that the Subcommittee for the 2023 Homeless Count had met just before the Committee meeting and she discussed the decision to recommend moving forward with an internal count.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding accuracy; consistency; the Outreach Subcommittee; keeping the community informed; the planned ride along with Police, Fire, and St. Joseph Center (SJC); ability of Committee Members to participate; education; public engagement; clarification that the Committee can make a recommendation to the City Council for an internal count, but the decision rests with the City Council; a suggestion to take video of the 2023 Count to share with the public to illustrate the process; and January 23 as the agreed upon date for the 2023 Count.

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Item A-2

Quarterly Report from Culver City St. Joseph Center Outreach Team

Chair Daniel Behrendt stepped out of the meeting.

Jose Nuño, St. Joseph Center, provided a summary of the quarterly report for April - October 2022; discussed those enrolled, engaged, served, and referred; information collected as part of the SPDAT (Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) process; vouchers; and connecting people to resources.

Chair Daniel Behrendt returned to the meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding acuity scores; the point system used to determine the numbers; identification of individuals from Culver City to place in Project Homekey; delays to the hotel/motel project; electrical issues; regular reports; the platform

used to track data; intake information; eligibility for veterans' benefits; those who do not want to complete the assessment; individuals around the Senior Center; service resistant individuals; the number of newly enrolled individuals; placement; lockers for storage of personal possessions; reunification; shared housing; individuals with SSI; assisted living programs; subsidies; shelter availability; permanent housing; the importance of building relationships with people; unhoused people who have jobs who cannot afford to get into an apartment; the overall housing shortage; people who have no home but are staying with friends; the difficulty of housing the people who need the most help; ways to provide evaluation and treatment; capacity to address mental health issues; resources and supplies provided; transportation; the importance of providing TAP cards; clarification that riders who do not have money to pay bus fare are not turned away; providing dignity with the ability to pay; the Senior Center bus; the number of homeless individuals with cellphones; Obama phones; involvement of SJC in Safe Parking and other City programs; providing additional housing in the City; Upward Bound House; neighborhood opposition; the point system on the intake survey; purview of Child Protective Services for those under 18; data tracking; client profiles; status of clients; the importance of community education; the need for more resources everywhere; funding sources; donations; the inability of the Committee to solicit donations; and staff qualifications and staffing levels.

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Item A-3

Quarterly Report from Upward Bound House Culver City

Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Manager, indicated that representatives from Upward Bound House could not be present and would make their presentation at the next meeting.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Daniel Behrendt invited public comment.

No requests to speak were received.

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

Responding to inquiry, Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Manager, provided an update on Project Homekey; discussed efforts provide permanent supportive housing; issues that prevented the project from meeting the initial deadline and from receiving the incentive; the projected completion date in January or February 2023; the ribbon cutting; furnishings; services offered; Exodus Recovery; onsite services; security; open space provided; and the effort across all City departments.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding providing haircutting services for those moving into Project Homekey; City Council approval of additional staffing; the new Housing and Human Services Department; staff capacity; Safe Parking and Safe Camping; Council priorities; implementation of the Mobile Crisis Teams; Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles Sheriff Department and LAHSA (Los Angeles Housing Services Authority) Creek clearing and clean up; the number of people who received shelter; the Culver City voucher process; people swept away by flooding during recent rains in Ontario; housing next to the Wende Museum; and City Council direction to focus on Project Homekey.

Chair Daniel Behrendt indicated that he would not be present for the December 13 meeting and he expressed confidence that Vice Chair Fish would do a fine job running the meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:49 p.m., the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness adjourned to a meeting to be held on December 13, 2022.

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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