

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

October 19, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

### **Call to Order & Roll Call**

Chair Lipman called the regular meeting of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness to order at 7:05 p.m. via Webex.

Present: Mark Lipman, Chair  
Daniel Behrendt, Vice Chair  
Amy Cherness, Committee Member  
Darryl Cherness, Committee Member  
Emily Dibiny, Committee Member  
Rachel Feldstein, Committee Member  
Bubba Fish, Committee Member  
Khin Khin Gyi, Committee Member

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

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### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Darryl Cherness led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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The following item was considered out of sequence.

### **Receive and File Correspondence**

None.

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The following item was considered out of sequence.

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

Chair Mark Lipman reported engaging in an informational discussion with the legislative staff of Mike Bonin's office on their Housing Now program; discussed Innovation Funds available through Measure H; email correspondence with Holly Mitchell's office and a planned meeting with them as an individual community member; the Direct Housing program in Culver City; and a recent interview he had done with the Culver City News expressing his own opinions.

Member Darryl Cherness discussed individual efforts to help homeless individuals; he asked about resource cards for Committee Members to provide to homeless individuals; and he reported that the City Council had voted unanimously to support a Safe Parking program which is a short term goal of the Committee.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Administrator, discussed the Homeless Resource Guide; agreed to agendaize an update of the guide for distribution; discussed City Council approval of funding for the Safe parking program; and the timeline for implementation.

Member Khin Khin Gyi received clarification that a discussion of the Bakersfield program funded through Kaiser Permanente would be had during Item A-1.

Member Rachel Feldstein asked to be part of the review process for the Request for Proposals for implementation of the Safe Parking program.

Member Bubba Fish received Committee support for requesting a staff presentation on parking minimums since that affects housing prices.

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**Public Comment – Items NOT on the Agenda**

Chair Lipman invited public comment.

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

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## **Consent Calendar**

Item C-1

### **Meeting Minutes**

MOVED BY MEMBER RACHEL FELDSTEIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER DARRYL CHERNESS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

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### **Order of the Agenda**

Receipt of Correspondence and Items from Members were discussed after the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **Action Items**

Item A-1

#### **Update – Los Angeles Homeless Initiative (HI) Subcommittee**

**Receive an Update from the Homeless Initiative (HI) Subcommittee – (Chair Lipman, Vice Chair Behrendt, Members Dibiny and Feldstein) on the Proposed Direct Housing Program. Make a Motion to Approve the Parameters of the Direct Housing Program and Present to the City Council for Consideration**

Chair Mark Lipman reported on a recent Housing Initiative Subcommittee meeting noting the intent to make a presentation to the City Council in the future.

Vice Chair Daniel Behrendt noted that Member Bubba Fish serves on the subcommittee, not Member Feldstein as stated in the staff report; discussed the recent subcommittee meeting with staff; opportunity and areas to address; different options around the proposal; program funding; timeline; use of a scorecard; preparing and anticipating Q&A from the Council and community; overall vision to address the problem; risks and challenges to execution;; agreement to create a Rolling

Action Item list to monitor progress; and work still to be done.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding formulating a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page; consensus to focus on high users of services; cost burden to the City; focusing on 20 high service users to kick off the program; working with a targeted community; and input from Saint Josephs, Culver City Fire Department (CCFD) and Culver City Police Department (CCPD) to identify best candidates for program participation.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding volume of calls and financial impacts; funding mechanism; creating a permanent line item in the General Budget dedicated to the program with a baseline of \$1.5 million per year with additional funding to support the program from other sources; enhancing the program over time; guaranteed housing long-term; funding options to ensure the longevity of the program; additional research and discussion by the subcommittee before making a full proposal to the Committee; different perceptions regarding what was agreed upon; a suggestion to summarize and record decisions made, areas to explore, and items for follow up at the end of each subcommittee meeting; the cost analysis; status quo vs. the cost of the program; and research on monies spent on the issue per department.

Chair Lipman invited public comment.

Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, indicated that no public comment had been received.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding ways to measure success within the program; potential funding from Kaiser Permanente; research on supplemental funding mechanisms; next steps; providing input and questions for the next subcommittee meeting; the intent to have the program ready for a recommendation at the next meeting; creating another iteration of the document and providing it to the Committee for their review; the one-year grant received by Bakersfield from the Kaiser Family Foundation; and the pool of money from Kaiser distributed in smaller grants.2er

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**Update – 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count**

**Receive an update from the staff on the preliminary guidelines for the administration of the 2022 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count**

Chair Lipman introduced the item.

Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, reported attending the first Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) information session for the January 2022 Homeless Count; discussed elimination of paper maps and tally sheets; use of a phone application for the Count; use of City staff and Committee Members for the Count; discontinued use of volunteers; the City vaccination policy; deployment site; and City Council approval of conducting the Count.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Administrator, discussed the City's vaccination policy; exemptions; use of internal staff and Committee Members; deploying from City Hall; meeting outdoors; social distancing; distribution of labor; the timeline; logistics; and training for a successful evening.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Committee participation; the public outreach component; logistics; distribution of labor; development of teams; communication with LAHSA; t-shirts and food; date and time; potential cost savings; and clarification that the biggest cost is staff time.

Chair Lipman invited public comment.

Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, indicated that no public comment had been received.

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**Discussion – Housing Policies and Methods Continuation of the discussion on City Housing Policies and Methods to facilitate greater housing funding and production. Review topic items for the upcoming ACOHH Retreat**

Chair Lipman introduced the item.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Administrator, noted the need for a discussion of affordable housing and examining ways the City could look to increase the affordable housing stock.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding individual visions for ways to bring more affordable housing in the community; suggestions for future agenda items; topics for discussion at the retreat; the Motel Reuse Program; agreement to provide an update on the Motel Reuse Program on the agenda for next month; the funding source being applied for; the timeline for completion; a request for information on incidental costs for comparison purposes with the subcommittee initiative; program manager costs; score carding; community awareness; transparency and visibility for projects; looking at ways to innovate and learn; encouraging development of low and very low income housing; ensuring the item is agendaized in order to move forward; the 15% inclusionary housing ordinance for all mixed use housing projects; the Brown Act; the broadly crafted agenda item; a suggestion to add a discussion of Community Land Trusts to the Retreat discussion; allowing each Member the opportunity to discuss their vision at the Retreat; conducting a best practices survey to examine what other cities are doing to bring affordable housing to their areas; the Planning Commission topic discussion; and consideration of parking minimums and best practices on a future agenda.

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**Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding determining the date of the retreat at the November meeting.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 8:22 p.m., the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

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TEVIS BARNES

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

APPROVED

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MARK LIPMAN

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.

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Jeremy Green  
CITY CLERK

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Date