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CULVER CITY  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CULVER CITY  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 27, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

The meeting of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness  
was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Ira Diamond, DPM, Chair  
Evlynne Householder, Vice Chair  
Alex Fisch, Committee Member  
Kim Gibson, Committee Member  
Karlo Silbiger, Committee Member  
Deborah Wallace, Committee Member

Absent: Freddy Puza, Committee Member

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator  
Ruri Tanaka, Housing Assistant

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

Kim Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Diamond invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Community Announcements by Board Members/Information Items  
from Staff

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, thanked Larry Kaufman for materials he had provided noting that copies were available with further information accessible online; she announced that online applications would be accepted for the Section 8 Rental Assistance program on November 18-19; outreach would begin on September 29; online access would be provided at the Julian Dixon Library and the Senior Center with members of the Police Department present to assist; and she discussed eligibility requirements.

Larry Kaufman received clarification that applications would be accepted to determine eligibility for Section 8 vouchers with 20 vouchers available.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes - August 30, 2016

Chair Diamond expressed appreciation for the information received at the last meeting.

THE CULVER CITY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS PASSED A MOTION  
APPROVING THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 2016.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Receipt and File Correspondence

None.

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## Action Items

### Item A-1

#### Presentation – Culver City Unified School District/Culver Closet

Chair Diamond discussed the work done by the Culver Closet and expressed appreciation for their efforts.

Adriene Madrid, Culver City Unified School District, provided background on the program; discussed their work with Love the City and Shoes for the Homeless; and programs and events including the Summer Lunch Program, Project Prom and the Backpack for Kids Program.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants and Committee Members regarding concern with the stigma of taking a backpack in the Backpack for Kids Program; identification of families needing assistance; work with Upward Bound; referrals; intervention specialists; transitioning individuals; resources; requests for rental assistance; the Culver Needs Committee; the nomination of Culver Closet for the Golden Bell Award; Rapid Rehousing; claiming homeless status to get into the District; permitted kids; funding; Education Foundation Donations; the relationship with the UCLA Youth Source program; partnering with the City; contact information; volunteer requirements at Culver City High; and the availability of volunteers.

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### Item A-2

#### Update – 2017 Homeless Initiative Subcommittee

Member Fisch discussed partnering with the City Council for County initiatives; the Social Enterprise Ordinance; County strategies; homeless prevention for families; dedication of 50% of Turnover Housing Choice Vouchers for homeless people; targeted implementation of strategies; and moving forward with the County's initiatives.

Member Silbiger suggested Committee consideration of the strategies to be implemented and the order of implementation; creating a guide for their work until June;

and budget allocation.

Discussion ensued between staff, meeting attendees and Committee Members regarding children coming out of Foster Care programs; unaccompanied youth identified during the Homeless Count; mental health issues; areas of need; the importance of coordination with the Police Department; the City as a model for the County; State mandated training for Police Officers; and the City's Mental Health and Outreach Officer.

Member Silbiger reported that the Subcommittee wanted to present plans for the year to the City Council to obtain their feedback at the November 14 City Council meeting.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Committee agreement on strategies and order of implementation; the date of the next Committee meeting; and the proposed date of the presentation to the City Council on November 14.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, suggested that Committee Members have conversations with the City Council and Chamber of Commerce members to gauge support; introduction of the item to the City Council on November 14; and staff development of the resolution.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding City Requests for Proposals; involvement of local businesses; and a suggestion to have staff forward comments to the Subcommittee.

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Item A-3

**Update - 2017 Homeless Count Subcommittee**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding addressing issues with maps; thanking the volunteers during the event; having Chair Diamond distribute Certificates of Appreciation; inviting businesses that donate to the February Committee meeting; adjusting the schedule to address concerns that the groups went out too early last year; communication with the Senior Center and the City Council; the target number of volunteers; Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA)

paperwork; people that do not show up; student volunteers; liability; adult supervision; ensuring a 10:00 p.m. cut off time for children; and appreciation to the Subcommittee for their efforts.

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#### Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Discussion ensued between staff, meeting attendees and Committee Members regarding appreciation to the Police Department for their efforts; agreement by Police Department representatives to provide a report to the Committee via email; an update on the woman at Sepulveda and Centinela; increases to mental health related calls; self-initiated calls; long-term mental health issues; gradual long-term solutions; adding another clinician; covering more hours in the day and more days in the week; the competitive and territorial nature of being homeless; getting to know local transients; and violence between transients.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees and Committee Members regarding the need for donations; increases in the numbers of homeless; and furniture donation and delivery for homeless individuals who find housing.

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#### Items from Committee on Homelessness Members


Discussion ensued between staff, meeting attendees and Committee Members regarding concern with absences by Member Puza; Committee bylaws regarding absences; and the Medical Screening Day at Grace Lutheran Church on October 8.

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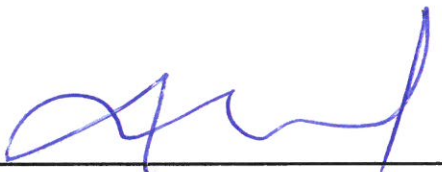
#### Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:21 p.m., the Culver City Committee on Homelessness adjourned to November 15, 2016.

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TEVIS BARNES  
SECRETARY of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness,  
Culver City, California

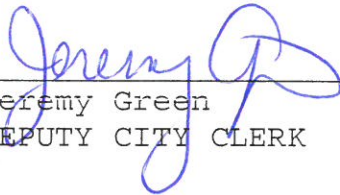
APPROVED

 Chair  
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IRA DIAMOND  
CHAIR of the Committee on 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

September 27, 2016

City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of  
said meeting.

  
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Jeremy Green  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

26 SEP 2018  
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Date