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CULVER CITY
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

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

January 17, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness
was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator
Eliana Garzaro, Housing Authority

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Freddy Puza.

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Community Announcements by Board Members/Information Items
from Staff

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, distributed materials
to Committee Members; invited everyone to attend the
Community Conversation on Affordable Housing and Related
Issues on January 28; and discussed the role of Committee
Members in the Community Conversation.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the World Café format; issues considered at the meeting; recording the meeting; participants; submission of public comments; having Committee Members sit among the tables; getting a feel for public sentiment; facilitating public engagement; and City Council participation.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, reported on the status of the Habitat for Humanity project and she discussed community outreach.

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Public Comment for Item Not on the Agenda

Chair Diamond invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

Larry Kaufman, Homeless Advocate, discussed the actions of other cities to help the homeless; he expressed concern that the Committee had not been open to his comments and suggestions; asserted that Parks and Recreation had actively persecuted homeless individuals; discussed the closing of the Armory; the varied circumstances of different homeless people; reasons people become homeless; and he felt the Committee should take action to get the City to recognize the problems and offer solutions.

Chair Diamond expressed appreciation for information provided by Mr. Kaufman.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes - December 13, 2016

Chair Diamond expressed appreciation for the work of staff in making meetings possible and for the meeting minutes.

THE CULVER CITY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2016.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Receipt and File Correspondence

Chair Diamond felt that the meeting was the culmination of a year's worth of work and he observed that things did not always move quickly.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS APPROVED RECEIPT AND FILE OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR THE MEETING.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Review and Approve the Homeless Resource Pocket Card, Homeless Resource Brochure and Homeless Veterans Resource Brochure

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding improvements made since previous consideration of the item; inclusion of information on St. Josephs; the mission statement; veterans information from Mr. Kaufman; jurisdiction; font size; removing the picture to allow additional text; bolding the phone numbers; approval of content; formatting changes; whether to condense categories; including descriptions of services; and providing comprehensive information.

Chair Diamond invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

Larry Kaufman discussed the content in the resource cards; ensuring that all information is correct; allowing additional time for review; and active duty resources.

Additional discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding the self-explanatory nature of some items; adding clarification on what Upward Bound House does; limited room on the cards; additional information on the website; the information line; whether to include St. Vincent de Paul on the resource list; services offered; transportation to services; consolidating repetitive information; a request for additional review; ambulance service; coverage for veterans; approval pursuant to minor formatting adjustments; and a suggestion to add US Vets to the list.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS PASSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTENT OF THE HOMELESS RESOURCE POCKET CARD, HOMELESS RESOURCE BROCHURE AND HOMELESS VETERANS RESOURCE BROCHURE PURSUANT TO MINOR FORMATTING ADJUSTMENTS THAT INCLUDE THE VETERANS RESOURCES.

Tervis Barnes, Housing Administrator, discussed next steps in the process.

Larry Kaufman pointed out that veterans' resources included in the brochure pertain only to those honorably discharged.

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Item A-2

Update - Los Angeles Homeless Initiative Subcommittee

Chair Diamond reported meeting with the Los Angeles Homeless Initiative leadership.

Member Silbiger clarified that the two strategies currently being focused on are providing 50% of the turnover housing vouchers to homeless individuals and providing the City Council with a draft social enterprises ordinance to make it easier to give contracts to groups that are hiring and working with people who are homeless.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding clarification on the allocation of housing vouchers; the number of turnover vouchers; uncertainty with the new administration and funding; the working poor vs. the chronically homeless; challenges of rehousing long-term homeless individuals; the

importance of housing combined with services; adding an addendum to the St. Josephs contract to cover those services; the 47 strategies in the initiative; clarification that Rapid Rehousing is focused on the newly homeless; distinguishing between men, women and families; the number of barriers to being rehoused; identifying available services; identification of the chronic homeless; and current outreach.

Additional discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding the current practice of awarding contracts to the lowest bidder; the County model; additional costs associated with social enterprise groups; allowing up to 15% higher costs; defining and registering social enterprises; subcontractors; felony convictions; the plan to present two strategies to City Council at a time; categories; Federal programs; criminal background checks; the need to provide a financial analysis; unskilled labor; implementation of affirmative action for a non-protected class; feedback from the business community; ensuring that there is someone to oversee homeless employees; certification; political ramifications; evaluation criteria; establishing a cap; coordination with Public Works; concern with inadvertently benefitting a single business; favoring small businesses; the focus on City contracts; consideration of contracts vs. subcontracts; the personnel policy of the City with regard to felons; whether to follow the County policy on additional percentage allocated for costs and/or the registration process; financial analysis; due diligence; the business license process; clarification that the business is not required to be local; next steps in the process; adjustments to language in the Section 8 ordinance; the admin plan; additional Committee review; language for an amendment to the St. Joseph contract; concern with depriving someone of certain rights due to having a felony; Federal programming; and the time frame.

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Item A-3

Update - 2017 Homeless Count Subcommittee

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding consideration of different formats for the maps; the vector format; the census tracts; attendance; the

number of groups going out; Member responsibility for two groups; familiarity with the area; group size; the planned schedule; mass deployment; contact with the enumerator; food donations; coordination with organizations; police-identified homeless hot spots; areas with safety concerns; teams from the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA); the Creek; clarifying jurisdictions; clothing to designate participation; safety vests; prizes; the designated url for Culver City; marketing and outreach; subcommittee review of the 2015 letter; training; volunteers from last year; group contacts; dashboard signs and magnets; registration; waivers; the need for additional volunteers to help with paperwork; deployment time; scheduling; meeting location; food pickup; distribution of excess food; certificates of appreciation; donations for the homeless; training materials and brochures in Spanish; necessary equipment for training and uploading of information; and appreciation to Member Puza and the subcommittee for their efforts.

Gary Silbiger received clarification regarding the ability of the Committee to make a presentation to the City Council and he suggested inviting volunteers to the meeting where the presentation would be made.

Tavis Barnes, Housing Administrator, discussed restrictions from LAHSA on the release of figures.

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Item A-4

Council Support for the Homeless Initiative 1/4-Cent Sales Tax Proposed by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas

Member Silbiger discussed the importance of ensuring that the proposed Homeless Initiative ¼ Cent Sales Tax passes in order to support proposed services and programs; voter turnout; and soliciting a letter of support and City Council endorsement.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding approaching the City Council on February 13; money spent on emergency services for the homeless; the importance of a central approach and funding; efficiency; email to Committee Members as a reminder to attend the meeting in support of the item; and drafting the letter of

support.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS PASSED A MOTION TO SOLICIT ENDORSEMENT AND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE ¼ CENT SALES TAX PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Diamond invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Items from Committee on Homelessness Members

Chair Diamond reported attending a meeting put on by the Mayor of all the religious organizations in the City; he noted that Tevis Barnes had provided a report; discussed resources in the room for that meeting; landlord contacts; and the Interfaith Council.

Discussion ensued between staff, Council Members and meeting participants regarding a suggested laundry service for the homeless; bed bugs; and protocol.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:59 p.m., the Culver City Committee on Homelessness adjourned to February 28, 2017.

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TEVIS BARNES

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January 17, 2017

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

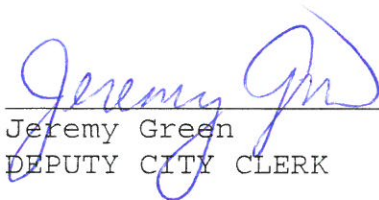
APPROVED



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



Jeremy Green
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

26 SEP 2018

Date