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CULVER CITY
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

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

September 26, 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. in the Patacchia Room at City Hall.

Present: Alex Fisch, Chair
Karlo Silbiger, Vice Chair
Peter Capone-Newton, MD, Committee Member
Ira Diamond, DPM, Committee Member
Kim Gibson, Committee Member
Freddy Puza, Committee Member

Absent: Deborah Wallace, Committee Member

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator
Eliana Garzaro, Housing Authority
Roland Miranda, City Attorney's Office

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Pledge of Allegiance

Alex Fisch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Larry Kaufman reported on available services for veterans in Culver City, and he announced free medical and dental services for everyone at Grace Lutheran Church on October 14.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, clarified that approval must be received before she can distribute materials for non-City sponsored events.

Robin Lecard reported that, that thanks to St. Josephs, he may be getting housing on September 27, and he expressed appreciation to the Committee for allowing him to attend the meetings.

Chair Fisch indicated that all Committee meetings are public and everyone is welcome to attend.

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Community Announcements by Board Members/Information Items from Staff

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, reported that Member Capone-Newton had provided information on Hepatitis A and that staff had received information from other sources as well; she noted that the City had not yet formulated a strategy to address the issue; discussed exposure of the Police and Fire departments; she indicated that she had requested procedures for the Senior Center and for the Housing, Police, Fire, and Parks, Recreation and Community Services, departments; she discussed providing information to the homeless; costs for the vaccination; and the intent of Los Angeles County to make free vaccinations available.

Member Capone-Newton provided background on himself; discussed risks for homeless individuals and those who interact with them; prevention; hygiene; and transmission.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding county clinics; food preparers; usage of gloves and masks; washing hands; universal precautions; vaccinations; effectiveness; and the response of St. Josephs and Upward Bound House.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, reported that the Housing budget would be presented to the City Council on October 23.

Partner representatives reported that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) would be coming to the Homeless Service Center at St. Josephs to review applicants and award vouchers; discussed specific individuals and situations; Rapid Rehousing efforts and requirements; voucher qualification and usage; general outreach; appreciation for the diligence and persistence of Robin Lecard; family services for those with minors and those with adult children; the upcoming St. Vincent de Paul homeless outreach on October 23; efforts with regard to Hepatitis A on the last outreach on September 10; distribution of hygiene kits and shoes courtesy of Ira Diamond and Shoes for the Homeless; food and clothing distribution efforts; and agreement to share a video of homeless individuals enjoying new shoes with the Committee.

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Presentations

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2017

Chair Fisch asked that a typographical error indicating that he is a doctor be fixed in the minutes, and he noted that Member Capone-Newton is an MD.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS PASSED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2015 AS CORRECTED (ABSENT MEMBER WALLACE).

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Update - Homeless Resource Cards

Chair Fisch reported attending a City Council meeting to distribute copies of the Homeless Resource Card with an invitation to the City Council to provide comments.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, discussed the cover of the Homeless Resource Card.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding moving forward with printing the cards; including information regarding the UCLA Dental Program; updating the year; appreciation for the hard work to complete the card; providing an up-to-date resource; online resources; social media; distribution; building relationships; potential places to distribute the cards; formulation of an outreach subcommittee; whether a subcommittee had been previously established with Members Puza, Fisch and Wallace; Brown Act rules; convening a meeting of a steering committee prior establishing a subcommittee; distribution of the veterans cards to veterans organizations; and creation of a veterans hotlist at St. Josephs.

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Item A-2

Update - 2018 Homeless Count Subcommittee

Member Capone-Newton provided an update on the work of the Homeless Count subcommittee noting that the Owners Fair would most likely take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon on a Saturday morning in January or February 2018, possibly at the Senior Center, with tables or booths around the perimeter; he discussed invited City departments and representatives; participation by the School District and City organizations; the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA); topics to be discussed including

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landlord mediation and fair housing; potential speakers and honorees; fliers; misconceptions about program participation; food donations; and City Council approval.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, clarified that food donations cannot be solicited without City Council approval; she discussed door prizes; outreach; presentations by the Police and Fire departments; staff availability to answer questions and provide assistance; whether to involve current participants; whether the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board and Fair Housing should participate; honoring owners; criteria; and the invitation.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding the theme chosen by Upward Bound House: You Hold the Key; the Habitat for Humanity presentation on the Globe project; encouragement to include the actual participants; knocking down misconception; encouraging landlord participation; owners participating in the Culver City program; outreach to the Chamber of Commerce and AAGLA; business licensing information; the LAHSA outreach video; and the property owner outreach video from Nan McKay & Associates.

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Item A-3

Update - Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Subcommittee

Chair Fisch reported that the subcommittee had not met.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, reported that the application for the planning grant had been submitted; she described the process going forward if the grant is received; the time frame; community outreach; administration of the Los Angeles County Rapid Rehousing Program; Culver City participation in the Los Angeles program; City Council approval of the contract to participate; Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing quality standard inspections vs. habitability inspections; liability; payment procedures; restrictions; maximum allowable rents; housing attainability for the family; length of assistance; moving people out of the neighborhood to lower cost areas; county responsibilities vs. Culver City responsibilities; providing services to ensure that

after the 18 months, the family is able to relocate or pay their own rent; defining a maximum rent; and whether monies can be used outside of the jurisdiction.

Discussion ensued between Committee Members and staff regarding the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Visioning Process; a suggestion that the subcommittee work with staff to craft a proposal to bring to the Committee for approval before presenting to the City Council; staff agreement to follow up with the county; average rents in Culver City; working with owners to negotiate rents; next steps in the process; and turnover vouchers.

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Public Comment for Item Not on the Agenda

Meeting participants introduced themselves.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, thanked Frances Rosenau and the Culver City Presbyterian Church for embracing the Globe project and allowing community meetings at the Church.

Chair Fisch invited public comment.

No speakers came forward.

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Receive and File Correspondence

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items from Committee on Homelessness Members

Member Diamond reported meeting with a CPA firm specializing in non-profits and specifically in permanent support of housing; discussed the Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing and their focus on permanent, supportive housing; the issue of neighbors not wanting low cost housing in their area; and the need to have approvals ready when locations for permanent, supportive housing are identified and available.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding changing the perception of neighbors to welcome affordable housing in their neighborhood; strategies to change attitudes; City access to funding for the rehabilitation of buildings to shelter facilities; allocation of Measure H money for services; Los Angeles HHH monies for construction; county money; Caltrans surplus properties; limitations on housing near freeways; rising prices; Metro money for TOD; sale of the land by the Sons of Norway; mixed projects vs. 100% affordable projects; and Los Angeles projects,

Larry Kaufman spoke regarding the loss of the Armory; previous actions by Culver City Police against the homeless; opening up the showers at the pool to the homeless; and allowing the homeless to sleep in the parks.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding bringing in speakers to address changes in perspective; identification of funding streams for projects; partnerships to acquire space; having a workshop on how to acquire available space and on how to get the community involved; land use policy; rentals; increasing density; a suggestion for a presentation on the issue with a facilitator and a roundtable process; the public education process; clarifying that inclusion raises the quality of neighborhoods; different ideas for permanent supportive housing; and identification of dollars.

Robin Lecard asked how he could advise other homeless individuals on where to seek shelter from the cold.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding the Cold Weather Shelter Program run by LAHSA; posting and distribution of information on where to find services; emergency numbers on the resource card; and consensus to change the date of the next meeting to November 1, 2017.


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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:18 p.m., the Culver City Committee on Homelessness adjourned to November 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.


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

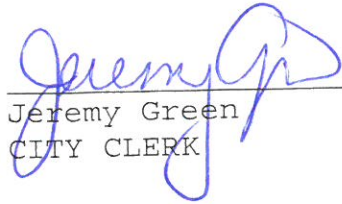
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ALEX FISCH
CHAIR of the Committee on Homelessness, Culver City,
California

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.

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Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

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Date