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CULVER CITY  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

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

January 9, 2018  
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 Patio Room at City Hall.

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

Absent: Ira Diamond, DPM, Committee Member

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

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Committee on Homelessness recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

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Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

None.

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Presentations

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes - December 5, 2017

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Update - 2018 Homeless Count Subcommittee (Members Gibson, Puza and Wallace)

Member Puza reported meeting with GIS staff; discussed clarification on City borders; differentiating between Los Angeles county and Culver City; having an app with the map; creating an attribute table; providing a form to fill out; training; media contacts; creation of a press release; solicitation of volunteers; start time; setup and delivery of products; the schedule; a reminder that Committee Members are responsible for being available for set up and clean up; clarification regarding processes; working to eliminate confusion; formation of groups for deployment; t-shirts; food donations; and prizes.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding providing both types of resource cards; clarification that the homeless are not to be engaged during the Count though if approached, volunteers may provide any requested information; providing Members with a supply of the resource cards; solicitation of volunteers; the use of bottled water; City policy; sustainability; hygiene; a suggestion to include a reminder for volunteers to bring their own water; attendance by Council Members; participation; having a plan if there are too many volunteers; accommodating walk-ins; jurisdictions that do not get enough people; deployment outside of Culver City; redeployment of teams if there are not enough volunteers; establishment of a cut-off; drop off from website signups; ensuring that people are prepared to stay late; groups that rush through the process; keeping teams to four people; those people who want to stay with their friends; walk in traffic; website information; directing people to other locations; coordination with faith based organizations; providing clear direction; clarification that those under 18 are not allowed to deploy; sensitivity of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to the media; sign-in; the ability of the press to take photographs and film participants; whether a signed release is necessary; posting a notice indicating that by participating, you consent to be photographed; credentials; wristbands; ensuring that people sign in; the downtown deployment team; parking structures; walking teams; cycling teams; vests; changes from the previous year; working to improve accuracy; City Council approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and donations and volunteers for the next three years to expedite the process; subcommittee meetings; use of the GIS app with other cities; linking information; procedures at the end of the evening; LAHSA interface with the app; individual maps for each team; creating a database; facilitating follow up assistance; identifying areas of concentration; limiting access to the app; and recording length of time to do each section.

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Item A-2

**Update - Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative  
Subcommittee (Chair Diamond, Members Fisch and Silbiger)**

Vice Chair Silbiger discussed the planning grant from the county to update the homeless plan; outreach for proposals; the role of the subcommittee in the process; the timeline for consultant selection and completion of work for City Council approval; examination of the current plan; community meetings; consultation with community organizations that work with the homeless; meeting facilitation; interaction with partner organizations; identification of possible stakeholders; and identification of available monies.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding the short time frame for completion; consultant suggestions; the importance of Member attendance of community meetings; and distribution of landlord materials.

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Item A-3

**Homeless Case Studies/Client Outreach Presentation of Case Studies Examining Best Practices and Homeless Community Updates**

Member Capone-Newton discussed his work with the Veterans Administration (VA); his experiences with veteran homelessness; services available to veterans; eligibility for healthcare benefits; the national hotline to connect veterans with services; connecting with local staff; the Veteran Crisis Line; the Housing First priority; helping people transition; available resources; the Welcome Center; short term housing on the VA campus; the master plan to create 1200 additional units of permanent Section 8 housing on the west Los Angeles VA campus; the case of an 84-year old man in Santa Monica who lost his housing and is working with the Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) program to find a place to live; younger veterans; tobacco cessation treatment; social and economic resources; substance abuse issues; mental health issues; younger people on the streets; the percentage of people on the streets with mental health issues; financial benefits from

the military; understanding how to engage and serve everyone; and addressing those who cannot find a place using the traditional model.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding making changes to discharge status; case management; housing services; hours of operation for the crisis hotline; housing options for veterans; services for those with chemical dependency; the California Veterans Home; the primary driver for homelessness; the relationship of homelessness to income and housing; the economic and social nature of the homelessness problem; population growth in Los Angeles in relation to housing growth; dislocation; difficulties finding housing; providing affordable housing throughout the community; avoiding areas of concentrated poverty; migration; clarification that Culver City is too small to participate in VASH but administers the vouchers; the portable nature of the vouchers; the cap on the vouchers; housing affordability; people who relocate to the Antelope Valley for affordability but then cannot access jobs or healthcare; COLA vouchers; the limited time frame for the validity of the vouchers; demographic shifts; the fact that greater numbers of people are leaving Los Angeles than coming in; veterans who want to stay put because their support system is here; lapse of vouchers; gentrification of other areas; socially acceptable modes of living; the number of people actively using VASH; creative ways to promote affordable housing in Culver City; industry partners; the concentration of wealth in Culver City; creating a more equal community; the growth of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Housing First; roommate sharing; requiring one voucher per bed; development standards; downsizing; changing design standards; and lowering costs.

Larry Kaufman discussed the grant per diem program to house people quickly while getting into the VASH program; religious issues; the resource card for veterans on the internet; California Veterans Homes throughout the state run in conjunction with the VA; participation requirements; and available services.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding location of the California State Veterans Home; retirees; the facility in North Hills; the waiting list; extending the decision to provide veterans housing to the rest of the population;

alternative design standards; creating different housing types; and the General Plan.

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

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**

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding the Culver City landlord event; creation of a list of homeless hot spots; and available representatives from St. Josephs attending the Homelessness Count.

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## Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:36 p.m., the Culver City Committee on Homelessness adjourned to February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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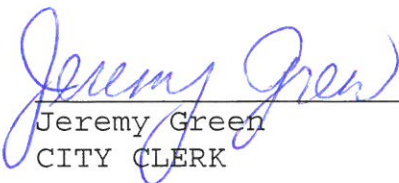
TEVIS BARNES  
SECRETARY of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness,  
Culver City, California

APPROVED



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.

  
Jeremy Green  
CITY CLERK

26 SEP 2018  
Date