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CULVER CITY
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

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

February 27, 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
Ira Diamond, DPM, Committee Member
Kim Gibson, Committee Member
Freddy Puza, Committee Member
Deborah Wallace, Committee Member*

*Member Wallace arrived at 7:23 p.m.

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Committee on Homelessness recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Fisch invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Member Diamond provided background on Safe Parking Los Angeles (SPLA); discussed the number of people living in their cars; safe parking programs in other cities; and he asked about implementing a similar program in Culver City.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee members regarding St. Augustine Church; food distribution; available services; a suggestion to rotate locations and to invite SPLA to make a presentation at a Committee meeting with an invitation extended to faith based organizations; a suggestion to recommend a study to the City Council; meals provided by Grace Lutheran; bathroom facilities; outreach; the transitory nature of the population; and consensus to move forward with exploration of providing safe parking for those living in their cars

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, discussed upcoming items.

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Presentations

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2018

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, indicated that the December minutes would be available for approval at the next meeting.

Larry Kaufman suggested discussing providing a place for the homeless to make and receive phone calls; mail

services; showers; laundry facilities; and he noted that St. Josephs provided some of those services.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2018.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-3
(Out of Sequence)

Update - Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative

Tervis Barnes, Housing Administrator, discussed the recent meeting of the Homeless Initiative Subcommittee; implementation of the planning grant from the county; City legal review of the contract; the need for City Council approval of the contract; letters of solicitation for consultants to implement the grant; community meetings; and the role of the Committee in reviewing the Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and interviewing candidates.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that the grant is a one-time grant to update the homeless plan; land use issues; encouraging the development of affordable housing and shelters; Measure H; prioritizing homeless initiative strategies; going after available funds; county matching funds; researching what to focus on; and appreciation to staff for their work on the contract.

Member Wallace joined the meeting.

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Item A-2
(Out of Sequence)

Debrief - 2018 Homeless Count Subcommittee

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the number of volunteers; approval to solicit volunteers and donations for the next three years; certificates of appreciation distributed to volunteers at the City Council meeting; a request for a letter from the Chair to the vendors who donated; signage indicating those businesses who donated food; the inability to release figures until approved by the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA); the GIS maps used by Culver City; coordination between Culver City and Los Angeles GIS personnel; an observation that individual numbers are down, car numbers are up and others are the same; work by St. Josephs to get people off the street; the theory that construction is moving people out of certain areas; the feeling that the Count was very organized; the training video; appreciation for the introductory speech; subcommittee work on the Landlord Fair; and appreciation to staff for their work on the Homeless Count.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, announced that Eliana Garzaro would be moving out of state and Ashleigh Blackman would be taking her place.

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Item A-1

Homeless Case Studies/Client Outreach Presentation on Senate Bill 35 - Planning and Zoning, Client Outreach and Status Updates

Chair Fisch reported that a determination had come out from the state Housing Community Development Department on SB 35; he discussed failure to meet housing targets; the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA); projected growth; accountability; discretion; ministerial approvals; guidelines; neighborhoods in Culver City that allow mixed use development; he indicated that if projects meet state guidelines in cities that have failed to meet their target numbers, discretion is taken away that city; he discussed parking requirements; and legislation enacted because cities have failed to meet their RHNA numbers.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding resistance to SB 827; compliance; showing capacity to build; actually building projects; conditions placed on projects; Globe Avenue; the half a mile radius from the train station; providing a good deal to builders; increased construction; providing homes for those who need them; SB 27; local control; height limits; density limits; inclusionary zoning; informing potential developers about the law; an observation that cities that do not meet RHNA numbers face a lack of control; recommendations to the City Council to try to address the issue; the sunset date; state intervention when cities do not deal with housing needs; California redevelopment law regarding affordable housing; potential lawsuits; prevailing wage provisions; parameters that do not override local authority; available density bonuses; and new statutes approved in January.

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Item A-4

Homelessness Criminalization: Discussion Examining Homelessness and Criminalization

Chair Fisch discussed an article in the LA Times on the criminalization of the homeless; the request for comment from the LA Weekly; the decriminalization strategy; the uptick in enforcement of minor violations against people who are unhoused; and monitoring the strategy to decriminalize homelessness.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding categorization of violations; transient and public drunkenness calls; using the outdoors as a bathroom; availability of public bathrooms; drunk bar patrons who are not homeless; the importance of having a police department representative attend Committee meetings; whether Los Angeles criminalizes someone sleeping in a car; harassment of the homeless; positive interaction with the Culver City Police; an update on Robin, a former homeless individual who has found housing in Koreatown and his positive feedback on the Culver City Police Department.

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Item A-4

**Fiscal Year - 2018-2019 Budget: Discuss and Receive
Recommendations on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 City Budget**

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, provided background on the item; discussed upcoming hearings; new housing legislation; studying thresholds for the inclusionary housing ordinance; signing bonuses for owners who take tenants with rental assistance; rent catch up grants; utility catch up grants; and first and last assistance.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the HIP program in Los Angeles; portability of vouchers; establishing residency requirements; logistics; land use issues; increased density; reductions to parking requirements and permit fees; grants to assist with motel conversions; seed money; waiving business license fees for owners renting to homeless or affordable families; research on housing statutes; implementation of the LA County Homeless Initiatives; the Rapid Rehousing program; finding affordable units in Culver City; what happens after 12-18 months when the subsidy runs out; moving people out of the area; connecting families with services out of the area; in lieu fees; figuring out the right formula to encourage development of affordable units; levels of affordability; concessions; allocating by unit vs. by square footage; linkage fees; effectiveness of the Committee; dealing with the broader issues to address the problem of homelessness; a suggestion to ask for a Homelessness Coordinator staff position; fees for commercial development; and opposition from the Chamber of Commerce.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS PASSED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the Coordinated Entry System (CES) team through St. Josephs for SPA 5 to work with landlords and offer incentives for housing clients by providing handymen to help units pass inspection; liability

issues; insurance; St. Joseph employees; the Economic Empowerment Ordinance; and rehabilitation grants.

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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

Vice Chair Silbiger discussed the uptick in homeless college students and suggested coordination with West LA College.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding motel conversions; foster children; existing programs for homeless at West LA College; availability of free dental care from West LA College; frequency of Committee meetings; and work to be done on budget issues.

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February 27, 2018

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:29 p.m., the Culver City Committee on Homelessness adjourned to April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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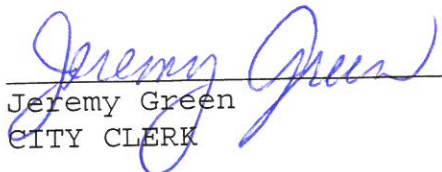
TEVIS BARNES
SECRETARY of the Culver City Committee on Homelessness,
Culver City, California

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