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CULVER CITY
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

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

April 24, 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

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator
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.

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Presentations

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes - February 27, 2018

THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2018.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Homeless Case Studies/Client Outreach

Update on Client Outreach and Status Presentation of Topics Impacting the Homeless

Member Diamond introduced and provided background on Dr. Scott Sale and Safe Parking LA (SPLA).

Dr. Scott Sale, Safe Parking LA (SPLA), provided background on himself and a powerpoint presentation on Safe Parking LA; he discussed programs in other cities; the number of people served; success in housing people due to their

accessibility; the number of people who live in their cars and work; misconceptions about the program; concern with crime; reductions to tensions between homeless living in their cars and law enforcement; protecting homeless living in their cars from harassment and harm; numbers served in different areas; services for veterans; experience dealing with bureaucracy; Safe Parking as a transitional refuge; clarification that parking is not permanent; legal parking programs; hours that parking is available; high schools and colleges; garages; housing insecurity among students; acting as a conduit to services; Green Streets LA; Ordinance 8502 in Los Angeles; availability of maps; the ZIMAS system; the number of homeless people living in Los Angeles county; the number of homeless in Service Plan Area 5 (SPA 5); funding from Sheila Kuehl; insurance; security; availability of restrooms; client location procedures; rules and regulations; helping people become current with car license, insurance and registration; St. Josephs Center as a service provider in the area; appreciation and support for wifi, electricity and running water; meetings with the police department and city legal representatives; difficult clients; children; RV waste; vetting processes; and he suggested not letting perfect be the enemy of the good.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding maximum number of veterans served at the Veterans Administration; information available at safeparkingla.com; availability of parking for women at St. Augustines Church; coordination with SPLA; clarification that people are allowed to stay as long as they are working with a service provider; anecdotal successes; parking facilities on public land in other areas; the best places to develop safe parking programs; the Safe Parking program at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration facility; the program mandate that the homeless be in vehicles; proposed partnerships with micro trailers; nighttime case management at the San Diego location; development of a hybrid program; and different procedures in different Service Provider Areas (SPAs).

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the program summary matrix; the proposal for \$250,000 in housing studies; and consensus to suggest that safe parking locations be identified in the City.

Item A-2

**Update - 2018 Homeless Count Subcommittee/Landlord Fair
Receive an Update from the 2018 Homeless Count Subcommittee
on the 2018 Landlord Fair to Attract and Retain Property
Owners to Assist the Homeless and Rental Assistance
Participants**

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, reported on the meeting of the Subcommittee; discussed support for holding the event in August at either Vets or the Senior Center; formulating a booklet for fair participants; identification of partners and why they should participate; incentives; signing bonuses; the Rehab Grant Program; security deposits; advocacy; vacancy loss; waiving business license fee; trash discounts; providing a presentation on how much recycling reduces refuse bills; Safe Streets; Neighborhood Watch programs; Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA); partnerships with elected officials; and door prizes, advertising and snacks for the event.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding ensuring that there are tenants present at the event; support for partnerships but concern with slowing the process down; potential partners; the need for a new contact at Upward Bound House; the purpose of the event to get landlords to buy-in; the Santa Monica event; outreach to property owners; the role of elected officials; involving elected officials in the process; rent control concerns of AAGLA; outreach to owners participating in the Section 8 program; bringing in tenants to put a face on the people looking for housing; the need for participants sign a release; coordination with Upward Bound and St. Josephs; involvement of elected officials; leveraging relationships for resources; local, county and state representatives; additional Subcommittee coordination; and new Committee Members.

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Item A-3

**Update - Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative -
Subcommittee/Homeless Planning Grant
Receive an Update from Los Angeles County Homeless
Initiative Subcommittee on the Homeless Planning Grant
Consultant Selection**

Commissioner Diamond discussed receipt of a \$50,000 grant for a consultant to develop a homeless plan; the proposal submitted by LeSar Development Consultants; the deadline to put together a plan; and the response from Beyond Shelter.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding timing; community focus; making a plan for the next ten years; the time frame for completion; community outreach; the Westside Council of Governments; experience and familiarity with westside issues; the commitment of the Committee to make sure the event happens; the need for special meetings; input from the Committee; next steps in the process; upcoming meetings; identification of appropriate stakeholders and stakeholder input; meetings with the City team; identification of best strategies for each City; the Rapid Rehousing program; Bright Corners; the goal to keep Culver City people in the City; concern with dislocating people; keeping people near their contacts and job opportunities; who is responsible for the family after the 18 month period if housing is not secured for them; and shared housing and Housing and Urban Development.

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Item A-5
(Out of Sequence)

Fiscal Year - 2018-2019 Budget Update

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, provided copies of the City Council budget presentation; discussed linkage fees; the nexus between commercial development and housing; hoarding; creation of an inclusionary housing ordinance; work with a consultant; identification of an appropriate threshold; providing certainty to developers; administrative approvals; reductions to unit size; creation of weather activated shelters; tensile structures;

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conversion of underutilized motels to permanent housing or another Upward Bound type situation; shipping containers; seed money for the conversion of a motel; reductions to building permit fees for affordable housing; homeless prevention programs; ways to attract property owners; grants to fix up units; senior programs; catch up grants; signing bonuses; the Rapid Rehousing program; City Council support; and the need for additional staff to implement programming.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding increased height and density; reduced parking requirements; development along the commercial corridors; protection of single family neighborhoods; the Transit Oriented Development district; congestion; and the Globe Avenue Project.

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Item A-4
(Out of Sequence)

Committee Vacancies/Election of Officers
Discussion of Pending Vacancies and Election of Officers

Chair Fisch reported that he and Member Puza would need to resign and he indicated the need to elect a new Chair to serve until new Members are appointed in July.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the number of important issues coming up in the near future; the need for an interim Chair; support for having Vice Chair Silbiger assume the position of Chair; and the importance of meeting attendance to achieve a quorum.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS PASSED A MOTION TO APPOINT VICE CHAIR SILBIGER TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

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Receive and File Correspondence

Tervis Barnes, Housing Administrator, distributed Resource Guides to Committee Members and meeting attendees noting that additional copies were available.

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Items from Committee on Homelessness Members

Chair Silbiger received Committee consensus to discuss a request to the City Council to expand the duties of the Committee on Homelessness since so many issues involve housing.


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Adjournment


There being no further business, at 8:23 p.m., the Culver City Committee on Homelessness adjourned to May 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

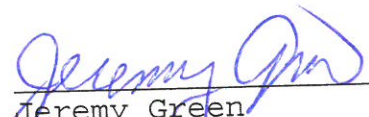
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APPROVED


KARLO SILBIGER
CHAIR of the Committee on Homelessness, Culver City,
California

5-22-18

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