

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CULVER CITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 31, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Chair Daniel Behrendt called the regular meeting of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Patacchia Room at City Hall.

Present: Daniel Behrendt, Chair  
Emily Dibiny, Committee Member  
Rachel Feldstein, Committee Member  
Lizbeth Mendez, Committee Member  
Leonardo Wilborn, Committee Member

Absent: Bubba Fish, Vice Chair  
Amy Cherness, Committee Member  
Darryl Cherness, Committee Member  
Khin Khin Gyi, Committee Member

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Administrator  
Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator

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**The Pledge of Allegiance**

The Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Public Comment - Items NOT On The Agenda**

Chair Behrendt invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no public comment was submitted.

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**Receipt of Correspondence**

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

Chair Behrendt discussed the role of the Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Administrator, introduced key partners noting that before the pandemic, quarterly reports from had been provided regularly.

Devin Yaeger indicated that he wanted to join the ACHH.

Chair Behrendt thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

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**Consent Calendar**

Item C-1

**Approval of Minutes for the Special Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness Meeting of April 19, 2022**

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BEHRENDT, DIBINY, MENDEZ, WILBORN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: CHERNESS, CHERNESS, FISH, GYI  
ABSTAIN: FELDSTEIN

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**Order of the Agenda**

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS AGREED TO DEFER ITEM A-2 TO THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BEHRENDT, DIBINY, FELDSTEIN, MENDEZ, WILBORN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: CHERNESS, CHERNESS, FISH, GYI

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

**DEBRIEF - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON HOMELESS POLICIES AND PROGRAMMING** Receive a summary from staff on the Special Meeting of the City Council on Homeless Policies and Programming held on May 3, 2022. Discuss and make a recommendation: 1) If the ACOHH shall provide a statement prior to Council Special meetings on housing and homelessness; 2) Discuss and make a recommendation if the ACOHH should provide quarterly update to the Council; and 3) Discussion on the various metrics used by staff to track homeless program progress and number of unhoused persons

Chair Behrendt introduced the item.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Administrator, discussed the schedule change; the meeting on May 3 to examine policies and programs as to how homelessness is being addressed; encampments; access to the public right of way; hazards; the focus on Project Homekey; the ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) program; Safe Parking; Tiny Homes; helping people with security deposits; Rapid Rehousing; the partnership with Saint Joseph Center (SJC); the Housing Locator/Housing Navigator; outreach with SJC and Upward Bound; creating affordable housing; the proposed bulb out; the 405/Washington encampment; Caltrans oversight of underpasses; removal of materials obstructing right of way; housing provided for three out of the four people in the underpass; weekly cleaning of the area; difficulty working with the outreach team and case managers; the Senior Center encampment that created a fire hazard; staff contact and notification; presentations about the Venice and Virginia lots; and pallet shelter programming.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the pallet shelter presentation; modular homes; infrastructure; bridge vs. permanent housing; costs; funding sources; non-profit housing developers; staffing; Council direction to place the focus on the Homekey program before

anything else; expediting the process; and encouraging people to move to the next level.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation to staff for their efforts at Washington and the 405; Council direction regarding Venice Boulevard; the ability of the City to buy land outside of the City to support homelessness; the General Fund; the Low to Moderate Income Asset Fund; Council jurisdiction; clarification that the Venice lot is located in Los Angeles; lack of oversight in other jurisdictions; concern with exporting people; the Ice Rink; clarification that homelessness is not against the law and there is no such thing as criminal vagrancy; the Boise Decision; the inability to remove a person if you do not have anywhere to put them; the inability to push people to other jurisdictions; infractions that can be policed; tying the hands of the police; the need for the police to see a crime committed; and length of time a person may be incarcerated for minor infractions.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding providing a statement from the Committee; input from absent members; a suggestion to table the item until the next meeting; and the importance of being able to inform the City Council of the Committee recommendation.

Further discussion ensued regarding providing quarterly updates to the City Council.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS AGREED THAT THE COMMITTEE PROVIDE QUARTERLY UPDATES TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE COMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BEHRENDT, FELDSTEIN, MENDEZ, WILBORN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: CHERNESS, CHERNESS, FISH, GYI  
ABSTAIN: DIBINY

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding various metrics used to track homeless program progress and the number of unhoused persons; reports from SJC and Upward Bound; contract goals; coordination with the police and fire departments; and quarterly and weekly reports.

Jose Nuño, Program Manager with SJC, provided a report for April 2021 through March 2022; discussed contacts; individuals who have agreed to receive services; those served or referred; SPDATs (Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tools) to determine what individuals qualify for; qualification for permanent supportive housing; assessment scores; veterans; families; and those with disabilities.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Nuño, staff and Committee Members regarding HMIS (Homeless Management Information System); the family reunification process; statistics that contradict the belief that homeless individuals are being imported; updates to SPDATs; hotel/motel vouchers; questions related to military service; eligibility for veterans' benefits; rapport and trust building; assistance obtaining identification; and ascertaining information about where people are from.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff, and Committee Members regarding targeting high service users; the SJC By Name List; money from the state; the SJC budget; 2022 Homeless Count figures from Los Angeles County; the point in time count; algorithms used by the county; other data points that could be helpful to understand; measuring success; contracts with service providers; the City procurement process; low pay for outreach workers; difficulty of the job; the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee; contract review; and the focus of Upward Bound on homeless children and their families.

Breanna Thomas, Associate Director at Upward Bound, discussed a report distributed to the Committee on services provided.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff, and Committee Members regarding number of employees; assets; linkage to services; clarification that families are set up with new furnishings and supplies when they arrive and take them when they leave; input from the Committee on additional items to measure; jobs created by the program; economic empowerment; peer outreach; and the importance of paying a living wage.

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Item A-2

**SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Receive Nominations and Approve Recommendations:**

- Appointments to the 2023 Homeless County Subcommittee
- Appointments to the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Subcommittee
- Appointments to the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee

The Committee deferred the item to the next meeting.

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Item A-3

**DISCUSSION: SCORE CARD Receive a Presentation from Chair Daniel Behrendt on the use of a Score Card Methodology to Measure Program Progress**

Chair Behrendt introduced the item; discussed objectives; highlighting the work of the City and the Committee; validating success drivers; tracking progress against key targets; accountability; proving credibility; sharing successes; format; picking a few things to focus on; staff time; and feasibility of a scorecard.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding staff workload; required reporting; data; repackaging existing data for the Committee; clarification on what the Committee wants measured; feedback after services are in place; number of projects vs. staffing; a suggestion to pick a few projects and examine long-term goals; assigning a way to understand the efficacy of the programs chosen; state funding; milestones; key targets; metrics; illustrating the positive benefits of the work done; prioritizing a few projects that would be best suited to score carding; valuable metrics to share with the public on a quarterly basis; City Council direction; grants; addressing encampments; providing interim housing with pallet homes; interface with operators; the Safe Parking Program; adding an item to the next agenda to provide a recommendation to the City Council; amending contracts with SJC and Upward Bound; answering questions about overlapping items with SJC; concern with micromanaging SJC and Upward Bound; the role of the Committee; the intent to provide additional insight rather than to micromanage; concerns voiced by the public about items already being

addressed; existing reporting requirements for HCD; including representation from the Police Department and Public Works; policy decisions; and linkage fees.

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

None.

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**Items from Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness  
Members/Staff (Continued)**


Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding items for the next agenda including a discussion and/or presentation on pallet homes; metrics related to score carding; a discussion on Safe Parking; and the number of people living in cars and vans and RVs.

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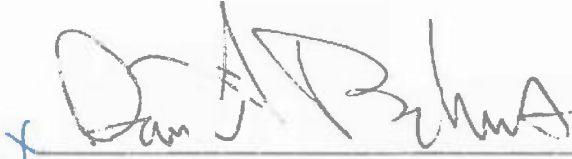
**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 9:00 p.m., the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness adjourned to a meeting to be held on June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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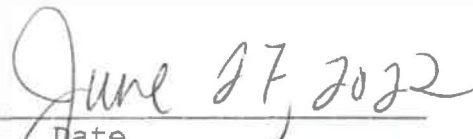
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TEVIS BARNES  
SECRETARY of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing  
and Homelessness, Culver City, California

APPROVED

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Daniel Behrendt  
CHAIR of the Advisory Committee on Housing and  
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 Bocchino  
CITY CLERK

  
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