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AGENDA
Homelessness Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
7:00 PM

**In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020)
and due to concerns over COVID-19,
this Studio City Neighborhood Council meeting
will be conducted entirely telephonically.**

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Committee Members: Steve Johnson (Chairman), Randall Fried (President, ex-officio)
Adam Summer (Board Member), Rita Funk, Rachel Tobias, Mits Yamahata and Marc Anthony.

1. Establish Quorum and Call to Order (3 min)
2. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (10 min)

3. Chair Report. File Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021 (10 min)
4. Comments/updates from LAHSA representative of SPA 2 (10 min)
5. Discussion and possible motion for a Town Hall in March 2021 to address the closure of Project Room Key at the Sportsmen's Lodge (10 min)
6. Comments from Members (15 min)
7. Adjourn

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FILING OF PRIOR MINUTES: The regular monthly meeting of the Homelessness Committee of the Studio City Neighborhood Council was held at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 via Zoom Virtual Meeting.

Established Quorum and Call to Order. Quorum established at 7:07 pm

1. Public Comments on items within the Committee's jurisdiction. (20 min)

2. Chair Report- 2030 Vision/2021 Goals update. File Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021: Chair highlighted efforts committee is making toward coordination with several area agencies and adjacent neighborhood council homeless committees. Welcomed new committee member, Rachel Tobias. Seeking new committee members (10 min)
3. Comments/updates from Sportsmen's Lodge developer, Ben Bessley. Ben stated he monitors the site frequently and has observed no significant incidents. Project Room Key at Sportsmen's Lodge is currently in the process of closure within roughly 8 weeks (possibly by mid-March or sooner). Stakeholders concerns were addressed about issues related to site closure. SCNC committee will monitor and ensure appropriate site closure, such that the area is not negatively impacted. Prior to closure, a community forum to address closure concerns may be done in the form of a town hall possibly February/March 2021. Local homeless advocate/specialists, Luis Oliart did a presentation on the process of moving the unhoused effectively into bridge and/or long-term housing. Luis also presented numerous local resources for the unhoused (including local food pantries, medical and drug treatment service). Jessica Fugate gave detailed update of council work, such as the opening of "Tiny Homes" - first in the Los Angeles. Jessica also fielded questions and offered offline follow-up. (32 min)
4. Discussion on nine-week augmented outreach done by the committee from October 2020 to December 2020: Chair presented data from the outreach and proposed weekly Sunday outreach to specific encampment sites. Stakeholders weighed in with concerns of declining areas and improving areas. Stakeholders discussed the possibility of expanding the model in light of resources, funding and COVID-19. (15 min)
5. Discussion on neighborhood clean-up of abandoned encampments: Stakeholders agreed many areas are regularly cleaned but conversely there is an increase in waste. Stakeholders addressed perceived movement of homeless throughout northeast Studio City. Concerns were expressed about safety risks of volunteer community clean-ups, particularly amidst COVID-19. (12 min)
6. Discussion Stakeholder Educational/Awareness Forum or Town Hall: Stakeholders agreed a Town Hall would be helpful to address Project Room Key's closure. Many ideas were proposed about how to best execute the event, such as guest speakers, experts, community position/weigh-in and an unhoused guest speaker, and a possibly a resident of Project Room Key. (14 min)
7. Comments from Members: Limited closing remarks summarized as a commitment toward active reduction in our chronic homeless population in 2021. (2 min)
8. Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Johnson, Chair