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AGENDA
Homelessness Committee
Regular Meeting
Friday, September 11, 2020
7:00 PM

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Committee Members: Steve Johnson (Chairman), Randall Fried (President, ex-officio)
Adam Summer (Board Member), Abra Sussman, Richard Welsh, L. Stephanie Tait, Lydia
Sussman and Marc Anthony.

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

3. Chair Report. File Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2020. This is the September meeting which traditionally falls on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. However, due to committee member movement, we have opted this month to meet September 11, 2020.
4. Discussion and possible motion on Project Room Key/Sportmen's Lodge's community impact.
5. Discussion and possible motion on Neighborhood Resiliency Program deadline for submission.
6. Comments from Members.
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 7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 on a Zoom Virtual Meeting.

Committee Members: Andrew Silver – Chair; Randy Fried (President, ex-officio), Abra Sussman, Lydia Sussman, Richard Welsh, Barbara Javitz, Marc Anthony, Stephanie Tait.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call, Establish Quorum. Meeting called to order 7:37 pm. In attendance: Andrew Silver, Abra Sussman, Lydia Sussman, Barbara Javitz, Stephanie Tait. Quorum established. Absent: Richard Welsh, Marc Anthony. Guests: Board member Richard Neiderberg, Simmie Collins, Kira Durbin. Advised that Michael De Lazzer has resigned from the committee in order to take over as Chair of the Outreach Committee.

Introduced Brian Carroll as a potential new committee member. Brian is well informed on homelessness issues. Andrew Silver motion to add Brian to the committee. Lydia second, all members of the committee approve. Welcomed Brian as a member of the Homelessness Committee.

2. Open to Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction. Set time limit of 2 minutes. Comment from Simmie Collins. Ms. Collins introduced her Adopt-a-Pod concept for outreach to encampments. Comment from Scott Mandell. Asked that encampments be logged. Request services, follow up with Studio City residents. We want homeless out of Studio City, we don't want them there, we don't want to give them bottles of water or dollars. There are encampments that can't be moved but why can't we get sanitation in there.

Jessica Fugate said we get a clean-up once a month clean up, he wishes it was once a month. Who can advocate on behalf of the housed? Logged on paper that someone is trying to do something. Cited an individual that built a house, I advised that LAFH is aware of that situation. Advised 2 minutes are up. Randy Fried advised that Mr. Spindler had his hand up. Advised Mr. Spindler he had 2 minutes. He deferred to his college Black Puppet. He stated he was downtown and that Jessica Fugate wants to get more people from downtown to the valley. He said he has an invocation to get/find a way to get more to Studio City. He advocated giving all the homeless \$50 Starbucks cards and \$100 McDonalds cards and bring the homeless up to Studio City to make more room for the homeless downtown.

Kira Durbin from Sherman Oaks. Advised that Rec center shelters should be closed by November. Pushing for Safe Parking at Oxnard. Has learned about how much is involved in Safe Parking, does not know who service provider will be. Alexandria from Sherman Oaks. On Sherman Oaks NC Education Committee and Studio City NC Outreach Committee. Substitute Teacher at LAUSD. Hoping to find resources and bring resources to homeless students and families. Was at Joanne's, they have a mask donation program, Joanne's moved to Riverside and Woodman, giving to Boys and Girls Clubs of the Valley. Saw on ine Community Refrigerators, maybe we could have at the Park for families and adults. Committee Member – Barbara Javitz, suggested updating the group on the outreach at Luis Oliart is doing.

Luis has been going to the encampments under 101 and getting to know the residents and sharing info with councilmembers's office and LAFH. Elaine Loring. Homeless are being documented. What is the next step from LAFH being aware of them? Advised that homeless are entered into CES and HMIS and attempt to find them housing. Advised that there are 15,000 people on waiting list for housing. Elaine asked about allocation of Raymer Bridge housing, advised that Elaine asked if Project Room Key can get more rooms. Advised that LAHSA does location and negotiation of rooms. Advised LAHSA is

working to locate more locations. A range of options is being explored to relocate residents of PRK.

3. Response(s) to public comments by Committee Members. See above.

4. Update by the Chairman. Andrew advised he wants to refocus committee on projects moving forward. We had a forum in March and had discussed hosting more forums. West Valley forum could be a model for us. Committee had previously discussed an outreach project. Mixed feelings because NC is not a social service entity, no one has Social Service training and with Covid Pandemic. There is a health and safety concern asking members of the public to do this work. Lydia noted that other groups are doing outreach and Simmie has suggested an outreach.

We could partner with other groups. Does not want to abandon idea. Not opposed to the idea, need to be smart about it. Stephanie, we could partner with other organizations for outreach, some provide training, don't set aside. Just incorporate social workers and training. Need to keep in mind growing global pandemic. SELAH has developed COVID-19 practices. Lydia stated that organizations in NHIFP have homeless committees that want to be involved as well as other NC's. Could be helpful to form a coalition. Randy – perhaps creating metrics. Suggested goal of reducing homeless in Studio City by 2%. Realize outside of Studio City control.

Stephanie stated metrics are incorporated. Randy stated stakeholders want to see metrics. Stephanie stated metrics would not be simplistic but based on research and transparent but would have to be realistic because there is no housing. Randy suggested pop-up structures. Elaine – since there is no housing is there way to include quality of life and encourage them to engage with established organizations.

Abra, our mission is educating the community and shifting mind sets which is difficult to measure. Trying to inform Studio City on what organizations are doing this work and pointing people in right direction and doing outreach, townhalls and events to point people to organizations that are already doing this work well. Metrics of success have to do with what those organizations are doing. More to consider. Don't think it fair to say we are trying to eliminate homelessness in studio City, not our lever to control. We can educate, connect and inspire and involve community members to be involved. Brian, Goal of Public Safety is not to eliminate crime in Studio City. What are metrics for other committees so we are all on the same path for metrics. Randy, other committees are working on their metrics.

NHHA does want to move towards eliminating homelessness through education of best practices. We should all do a better job of listening to stakeholders. Perhaps sending out surveys is a great idea. Collaborate with Outreach committee. Randy has spoken to other committee chairs for metrics of how they will measure success. Andrew addressed Scott's comments about addressing the encampments. Pointed out that the committee did pass a motion with strong wording asking the Council office to take action on the encampments. Communicating to the City Council and the CD2 councilmember is the extent of the authority of the Neighborhood Council and the Homelessness Committee.

5. SPA 2 Homeless Count Review. Posted screen share of SPA 2 LAHSA 2020 Homeless count. SFV up 18%. Youth up 67%, families with children up 106%. There are several initiatives being rolled out by LAHSA and LAFH to get as many people into housing and to get people off the street faster. Homelessness is not a static number. Over 82,000 people lost their home last year. 227 people lose their home every day. The pandemic is expected to add an additional 100,000 people to the homelessness in 2020. The challenge is huge and will remain huge to address this issue. Andrew, the group that worked on the March forum needs to regroup, discuss how we are going to do a forum in a Zoom format. Need to pick a date and select a panel. Abra volunteered. Stephanie and Lydia also agreed to be on the forum planning.

Simmie asked how to become a member of the committee. Asked for a call to discuss committee guidelines. Randy agree to call to review. Andrew brought up Resiliency plan. Asked for assistance. Stephanie and Brian agreed to assist. Brought up Jonathan Akemon. Mentally ill homeless person, released from jail and returned to Studio City. Have contacted a dozen people to address. County DMH agreed to work with LAPD Hope to make contact. Toured Raymer bridge housing. 25 women, 46 men, 14 overflow and covid quarantine. Was difficult to get the location rezoned to allow people to live in a commercial zone.

6. Review of Council Motions. There was a flurry of Council Motions after the recent civil unrest. A list of 13 June motions related to homelessness was sent out with the agenda. Most requested a study or report, none directly impacted Studio City, no feedback from the committee, no CIS or motion is called for in relation to these motions. It is a positive that more attention is being paid to the homelessness issue. Lydia asked that Safe Parking be added to the agenda. Expecting more people with cars will be falling into homelessness. Safe Parking is trying to get community support for Safe Parking. Noted that Safe Parking is a great program but there is not sufficient funding. Elaine noted that part of 100 day challenge is to get people with ADU's to rent them. Is appropriate for the committee to advocate for state bills. We can promote shared housing initiative at the Forum.

7. Adjournment. 8:52PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Johnson, Chair