



Mar Vista Community Council



HOMELESS ISSUES SUB-COMMITTEE WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REMOTE MEETING AGENDA MEETING MIINUTES

Date: 6/17/20 6:30-7:45PM

PUBLIC WELCOME

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Our Mission Statement: The Homeless Issues Sub-Committee mission is to promote stakeholder input concerning homeless issues in our community. The Committee encourages involvement, provides relevant information and resources, acts as advocate and liaison, and supports viable and equitable solutions.

1. Welcome and Call to Order 6:33 pm
2. Introductions *Renee S. and Robert W. introduced as CO-Chairs, N.S., S.K., KW present.*
3. Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts of Interest *None.*
4. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (from 5/20/20) (posted) *K.W. moved, Rob W. second. Approved. Unanimous.*
5. Public Comment for Items Not on This Agenda (2 minutes per person) *None.*
6. Announcements *None.*
7. Updates on Previous Motions Passed by MVCC HIC *April motion approved, May motions pending.*
8. 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Results

<https://www.lahsa.org/news?article=726-2020-greater-los-angeles-homeless-count-results>

Renee S. and Rob W. presented numbers referenced by LAHSA including increasing numbers of persons experiencing homelessness, 12.7 % County, 14.2% City, so% increase in seniors, over 6000 rapidly rehoused during COVID. Rob W. mentioned substance abuse percentage as much higher in UCLA study than LAHSA numbers. S.K. agreed reported numbers are low. Renee S. agreed. S.K. mentioned other states sending people to Los Angeles for homeless services. R.S. stated perception of what Los Angeles can provided is different from reality, need to change perception. N.S. mentioned family reunification as available to

help people get back to their states. N.S. mentioned rising numbers and impossibility of catching up. Take home: must cut off inflow. K.W. mentioned need to move past politically correct, can't allow people to sleep on street. Must be rules. Housing is too expensive. Rob W. mentioned racism as a factor.

9. Discussion of Project Roomkey

<https://covid19.lacounty.gov/project-roomkey/>

Renee S. and Rob W. and N.S. reviewed stats on program. Has not met expectations (6,000 in program, goal is 15,000). S.K. mentioned need for more on-site services, restriction on participants are difficult.

10. Discussion of Recent Preliminary Injunction to Relocate Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Away from Freeways

<https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cacd.775720/gov.uscourts.cacd.775720.108.0.pdf> Renee S. and Rob W. and N.S. mentioned no answer as to how this will be done.

11. Discussion of Recent Councilmember Bonin Motions Pertaining to Homelessness

http://ens.lacity.org/clk/councilmotions/clkcouncilmotions3508140454_05192020.pdf

12. Discussion of Recent Venice Homeless Committee Motions (see attachments)

Participants discussed specifics of Motion 1. Renee S. discussed hard to put forward not knowing what City has available. Given COVID, individual trailers may be a better option. Rob W. agreed. On Motion 2, discussed need for hygiene during COVID vs. enabling homeless encampments. No good answer. Participants agreed our HIC will have no official opinion on motions for now.

13. MVCC Next Steps S.K. requested Homeless Guide be distributed to area agencies and businesses. Rob W. reported need to understand role of rent control.

14. Second Round of Public Comment Caller mentioned a difficult situation, people jaded, hard to see encampment tents housing stolen bicycles, need more mental health care providers. S.K. mentioned Share Housing as being a great organization and Renee S. stated Share has opening now.

15. Adjournment 8:02 pm

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ATTACHMENT – Recent Venice HC motions

Motion 1:

Sent to Homeless Committee by VNC President March 9, 2020

Author: Mark Ryavec, Email: mark.ryavec@venicenc.org

Request Title: Motion Calling on the City of Los Angeles to Focus All Homeless Housing Funds on Low-Cost Shelter Models

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is in the midst of a humanitarian homeless crisis on the level of the conditions following a massive earthquake or hurricane, and

Whereas, the process and cost of building traditional “tax credit” model housing units, with 40% soft costs (consultant and development fees, architecture, and financing) and multi-year preparation time, has resulted as of January 2020 in the construction of only 46 units, and

Whereas, Proposition HHH is now expected to net – instead of the promised 10,000 units - only 5,873 supportive units and 1,767 affordable units at a cost of \$531,000 to \$700,000 per bed, leaving at the completion of construction in four years roughly 20,000 unsheltered homeless still on the street, and

Whereas, according to the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, in Los Angeles County, currently 133 homeless people are housed each day while 150 people fall into homelessness each day, resulting in the increase in the number homeless by 17 people per day, or 6,205 additional people per year, suggesting that the projection above of 20,000 unsheltered people four years from now is unrealistically low, if the housing programs now in place are not dramatically altered, and

Whereas Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has no performance targets and LAHSA's placement process for individual housing is cumbersome and time consuming, and

Whereas, crucial wrap-around services that help the most chronic and struggling homeless persons succeed in individual housing are most efficiently and cost-effectively provided in group situations and that group/shared housing provide crucial peer support, and

Whereas, other jurisdictions have proven the cost-effectiveness, suitability and quick availability of several other housing models, now,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles to immediately direct any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing to the following proven less-costly models, towards the objective of housing all unsheltered homeless persons in two years: 1. Large membrane tents capable of

housing 100 people that may be constructed in a few months (cost: \$10,000 per bed), e.g., the Union Rescue Mission just erected one at that price. 2. Large military-grade inflatable tents (cost: \$6,000 per bed). 3. Pallet shelters (cost: \$2,000 per bed). 4. Tent "Kits" capable of housing a family of four, with furniture, refrigerator, heater and electrical generator (Cost: \$500 per bed, \$2,000 per kit). 5. SHARE Collaborative Housing, two persons per bedroom in existing single-family homes and multi-family buildings (Cost: \$500 to \$700 monthly rent self-financed by each individual's SSI, General Relief and other benefits; \$8,000 cost per annum per person for management, It's YOUR Venice - get involved Venice Neighborhood Council PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 / www.VeniceNC.org Email: info@VeniceNC.org / Phone or Fax: 310.606.2015 counseling and other social services). And further, be it resolved, that no such projects shall be installed or constructed within 200 feet of a residence, child care center, school, or park, except for SHARE Collaborative Housing and similar housing programs, which utilize living units already located in existing residential communities. When adopted, this Motion shall be submitted as a Community Impact Statement and attached to Council File 17-0090-S14.

Motion 2:

Sent to Homeless Committee

Title: Opposing Restrooms on Rose

Author: Tore Knos, Email: venicetore@gmail.com, 770-316-6900

MOTION: Whereas, press reports and city workers have told residents in the Fourth and Rose area that the City intends to install a restroom(s) in the area of Rose Avenue between Fourth and Third; and

Whereas, this expenditure of City funds has not been submitted to the Venice Neighborhood Council for its information and for its guidance, as required by the Los Angeles City Charter, which requires that neighborhood councils must be informed and allowed to comment on all city budget items before expenditures are made; and

Whereas, in the past, installed restrooms were removed due to being used for drug use, drug dealing and prostitution, and due to constant unsanitary condition ; and

Whereas, this area is part of the enhanced enforcement zone where the homeless are encouraged to go to the Bridge Housing for transition to permanent housing the installation of the restroom is not compatible with the transition of this area.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council demands that Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin cease and desist in plans to install restroom facilities in the vicinity of Rose Avenue, between fourth and third