



Mar Vista Community Council



HOMELESS ISSUES SUB-COMMITTEE WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REMOTE MEETING AGENDA DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 03/16/2021

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

PUBLIC WELCOME

ALL ATTENDEES ARE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

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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 6:32 pm
2. Introductions and Announcements Co-Chairs introduced.
Vishesh Anand, Field Deputy, Councilmember Bonin’s Office

Discussed winter shelter expansion, Project Roomkey next steps, therapeutic vans/non-armed emergency mental health response, unemployment and homelessness expected to increase into 2023, COVID vaccines given in field to homeless persons. Renter Assistance available (see website).

3. Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts of Interest None.

4. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (posted on MVCC website) **Approved.**
5. Public Comment for Items Not on This Agenda (2 minutes per person)
Gateway encampment area is clear, safety signs posted. Safe camping and parking discussed at length. Vandalism, safety. Trust. Use of "they" and "other."
Updates from Field Deputy Vishesh Anand (see above).
6. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Homeless Committee - Update
<https://westsidecouncils.com/councils/> **Discussed focus on 5150 law, recent fires, housing.**
7. Motions and Community Impact Statements for Discussion and Vote

Community Impact Statements

Council File 21-0233

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0223_mot_02-23-2021.pdf

Youth Development Department / Youth Development Task Force

Motion to create and fund a Youth Development Department focusing on ages 10-25.

Community Impact Statement Re: Council File: 21-0233

Position: Support

Dear Councilmembers, We request your support for Council File 21-0223 and provision of funding for timely implementation.

Sincerely, Mar Vista Homeless Issues Sub-Committee of the Mar Vista Community Council

Comments included concern about vagueness.

Passed Unanimous.

Council File 21-0031 https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0031_mot_01-12-2021.pdf

CARE+ Cleanups / COVID-19 Crisis / Homeless Encampments / Centers for Disease Control

(CDC) Guidelines

Compliance with CDC guidelines, scheduled cleanings, trash pick-up, bulky item pick-up, etc. Designated areas for trash/waste, disposal/removal, community partners to conduct outreach, structures to temporarily relocate, mobile showers, bathrooms, COVID-testing, tent exchange/distribution, food/water, hiring of unhoused residents, no use of law enforcement personnel.

Community Impact Statement Re: Council File: 21-0031

Position: Oppose

Dear Councilmembers, We request you oppose Council File 21-0031. This motion legitimizes de facto outdoor shelter/camping sites without community input or necessary resources and precautions to ensure health and safety.

Sincerely, Mar Vista Homeless Issues Sub-Committee of the Mar Vista Community Council

Discussed mental illness, lack of family, lack of employment. Creating work for unhoused,

community investment, biohazard exception, ADA compliance, CDC guidelines.

Did not pass. 24 Y, 26, N, 6 Abstained.

MEETING ENDED AFTER 8 PM.

Council File 21-0113 https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0113_mot_01-26-2021.pdf

Project Roomkey Expansion / Interim Non-Congregate Shelters / Homeless Housing / Master

Community Impact Statement Re: Council File: 21-0031

Position: Oppose

Dear Councilmembers, We request you oppose Council File 21-0031 until there is a concrete and agreed upon City solution and plan to provide practical housing solutions past September, 2021 and/or past FEMA funding availability.

Sincerely, Mar Vista Homeless Issues Sub-Committee of the Mar Vista Community Council

MOTIONS

(1) We move that the City of Los Angeles, in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles:

- Immediately provide a plan, and funding, to designate new, low-barrier safe-camping and safe-parking sites within location and without criminalizing un-housed people living outside the site
- Provide an explanation of the services that will be provided at each of these locations
- Provide a map of these locations so that community members can know where they can go to find safe camping/parking, and to help direct those who need it through non-punitive outreach
- Fully support and execute upon CF-21-0113, in which Councilmembers Raman and Bonin in their move to get federal funding to accelerate Project Roomkey within City of LA, with no cost to our city.

(2) We ask that Mayor Eric Garcetti immediately direct his administration to:

- Submit all outstanding FEMA reimbursement requests
- Execute his legal right to commandeer empty hotel rooms to provide shelter and services to the unhoused community who are currently forced to live on the street
- Investigate all potential avenues of support in submitting these reimbursement requests, including taking up the Los Angeles Business Council's offer of organizing volunteers to support the City in filling out and submitting the requests

Encampment Reports

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| 8.1 | Gateway |
| 8.2 | 405 |
| 8.3 | Bowlero/Post Office |
| 8.4 | Wasatch |
| 8.5 | Park |
| 8.6 | Centinela/Pico |

9. Second Round of Public Comment

10. Adjournment after 8:00 pm

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