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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Social Services & Homelessness Committee

Monday, January 20, 2020, 7:00 PM

Fire Station 82 Annex

1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028

Second Floor Conference Room

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Welcome

7:05 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Tom Meredith Sheila Irani Erin Penner Andrew Chadsey

Absent

Adam Miller Matt Wait Julia Eschenasy

2. Approval of Minutes

Tabled

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

Dr. Desire from the Kingdom Warriors Foundation mentions the concert with Coldplay is tomorrow where the unhoused youth will be singing as well. There is also a talent show on December 10, 2020 to compete for music mentorship.

4. Update from City Officials present at the meeting

No officials in attendance

5. Discussion and possible motion to recommendation new stakeholder committee members including Everett Cobb

Everett Cobb introduces himself to the board. He is a political science student in his last semester, interested in being a stakeholder member. Sheila asks Everett if he's available for this committee meeting time and he responds yes and that he lives on Beachwood. Brandi asks if he feels he'd be able to stay neutral in the face of very heated stakeholders and their views on homelessness. Everett replies yes.

Sheila makes a motion to support Everett Cobb as a stakeholder member and Brandi seconds. All in favor.

6. Introduction of new committee chairs their roles and goals for the committee

Sheila says that she would like to still spend \$10K of our fiscal year's budget to go toward homelessness. Erin asks if we can revisit LA Youth Network and see if we can help them. Sheila says she will contact Brian again from LAYN. Tom asks if we can reach out to My

Friend's Place as well.

7. Update on NPG for A Million Drops/Shower of Hope

Erin says Mel Tillekeratne from Shower of Hope is working on the NPG for mobile showers and hopefully it will be submitted in the next day or two.

8. Update on the assembly and distribution of resource bundles to include resource guides, TAP cards and dates for production and distribution

Committee agrees to bring printing services (up to \$1,000) for new homeless resource guides to next full board.

9. Discussion of possible block captains focusing on homeless areas of concern in the HUNC boundaries in conjunction with LAPD

Erin mentions that Officer Jesse Rubalcava very briefly discussed the idea of block captains focusing on homelessness in the Hollywood area at last week's CPAB meeting. Erin said that for instance, we had a transient breaking into local residential properties last week and vandalizing property while also harassing customers at local businesses but when it was reported to LAPD, people were told there was nothing that they could do without the appropriate No Trespassing signs displayed all over buildings.

Sheila mentions that perhaps one idea is for HUNC to purchase many No Trespassing signs for the community and the committee agrees. Brandi says that she reached out to Officer Rubalcava and hopefully he can attend an upcoming meeting to discuss this issue.

10. Discussion of updating the Homelessness Services Resource Guide for the Winter/Spring of 2020 and upcoming printing services needed

Committee agrees to bring to full board and ask for \$1,000 for new updated guides and to make sure they go to multiple service groups.

11. Discussion and possible motion to support an NPG for \$1,000 for First Presbyterian's Winter Shelter

Erin gives an update on her recent conversation with Amie Quigley at First Presbyterian Church and their needs for the winter shelter. Erin says Adam is contacting the City Clerk's office to see if we would be able to purchase items for a church shelter.

12. Discussion of an NPG for Hollywood Food Coalition

Hollywood Food Coalition gives their explanation of their NPG. Sheila asks if we can change the amount to \$1600 since Brandi has suggested biodegradable wipes. Erin asks if Adam has seen the NPG and Sheila says she has sent it to George.

13. Update on a letter of support for the Kingdom Warriors plan of addressing homelessness to City Council that was approved at the last full board meeting

Sheila and Brandi say that the letter from the Kingdom Warriors was not edited the way that full board asked at the last meeting. Sheila asks where, ultimately, Dr. Desire wants us to send this letter. Brandi and Sheila tell Dr. Desire that yes, she has done the research but the city itself has not done any research.

The sentence in the letter should read: "In making this commitment to RESEARCH Computer Aided Design within the next 180 days" (from the last paragraph).

14. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Brandi mentions that the homeless count is this coming Thursday and the Oaks HOA meeting is this coming Tuesday. Sheila says that A Million Drops will be shutting down due to financial reasons.

15. Old/Ongoing Business

No old/ongoing business

16. New/Future Business

No new/future business

Adjournment at 8:14 PM

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