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APPROVED MINUTES-HOMELESS SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 2, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Church of the Foothills, 13425 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342

Committee Chair – Peggy Courtney

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- 1. Call to Order and Welcome** Due to technical difficulties with the electronics for the guest presentation, the meeting was called to order at 6:52 PM.
- 2. Housekeeping** Erin Ziliak welcomed everyone to the meeting and pointed out the restrooms.
- 3. Roll Call of Committee Members** Barbara Winslow took role call. In attendance were Peggy Courtney, Barbara Winslow, Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez, Ann Job, Duane Weber and Erin Ziliak. It was noted that Christian Ramirez is an inactive committee member due to school scheduling conflict. Sam Platts is also inactive due to illness. Absent from the meeting were Marty Back, Kurt Cabrera-Miller and Deborah Johnstone.
- 4. Public Comment** on non-agenized matters within the Committee's jurisdiction Gene requested that he be added to all correspondence regarding committee meetings. He was encouraged to sign in so there would be record of his email address.
- 5. Presentation and discussion** about the Sylmar Homeless Connect Day, Nov. 17, 2016. Presenting John Horn, L.A. Family Housing and Molly Rysman, Homeless Deputy of Supervisor Kuehl. The presentation began with Molly Rysman and Benita Trujillo recapping the event. Molly spoke about a welcoming environment, thanked the volunteers who served and talked about hosting more connect days throughout Supervisor Kuehl's district. They are also looking for these types of events to connect the homeless with long-term services and hopefully placing them in homes.

John Horn from LA Family Housing stated that the event was a tremendous success! He also pointed out the importance of the Coordinated Entry System (CES). Their records show that 132 homeless attended the event. There were 39 providers offering services. See attached power point presentation notes for further statistics about the event.

Christina from LA Family Housing talked about creating a proactive outreach by going to the places the homeless gather such as parks. She also spoke about retention services to stabilize long-term housing.

Molly informed the committee and stakeholders that the Board of Supervisors had voted to begin negotiations with the State of California for exploring a year to year lease of the Armory since the property is not up for sale.

6. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the Minutes for the December 1, 2016, meeting. **Erin Ziliak made a motion to accept the minutes and Duane Weber second the motion. Motion carried.**
7. **Discussion and possible action** to approve Minutes for January 5, 2017, meeting. **Erin Ziliak made a motion to accept the minutes and Duane Weber second the motion. Motion carried.**
8. **Presentation and discussion** of the Sylmar Armory/ Winter Emergency Shelter, operated by Hope of the Valley. Ken Craft, CEO of Hope of the Valley to present .**Ken shared that the winter shelter in Sylmar was open from 12/1/16 to 2/28/17. There are several pick up points throughout San Fernando Valley to transport the homeless interested in sheltering to the Armory. Due to the lack of ridership from Winnetka, the transportation was stopped. He stated that the biggest challenge was working with the Armory due to its strict adherence to the opening and closing times for the shelter. No one is allowed in before 5:00 PM and the Armory must be vacated and ready for use by 7:00 AM. He also thanked Sylmar for being gracious about hosting the site for the winter shelter.**

As CEO of Hope of the Valley, Ken sited that he would "do whatever is needed" to create a year round 24/7 shelter.

Ken has been working with USC for POD housing that can be erected and/or deconstructed and moved in approximately two weeks time. POD housing is congregant housing that allows each person to have a small amount of storage which is critical for some of homeless since leaving their belongings to shelter even for a night means loosing what little they may possess. He has also been out looking for property in the San Fernando Valley that could support POD housing.

- ~~9. **Discussion and possible action** related to the extension of shelter and services Sylmar Armory Shelter beyond February 28, 2017. Ann Job and Peggy Courtney **Item removed from agenda**~~

10. **Committee Member Comments** on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction
11. **Future Agenda Items:** Please e-mail the Homeless Committee at PegCou@outlook.com
The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2017
12. **Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment **Adjourned at 8:10 PM****

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