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### **APPROVED MINUTES- HOMELESS SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 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** **Peggy Courtney called the meeting to order at 6:37PM.**
- 2. Housekeeping** **Barbara Winslow welcomed members and stakeholders, invited all to events at Church of the Foothills, and pointed out the restrooms.**
- 3. Roll Call of Committee Members** **Barbara Winslow took role call. In attendance were Peggy Courtney, Barbara Winslow, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez, Ann Job and Duane Weber. Absent members were Marty Back, Deborah Johnstone, Erin Ziliak.**
- 4. Public Comment** on non-agenized matters within the Committee's jurisdiction **None**
- 5. Presentation and discussion** about the Sylmar Homeless Connect Day, March 16, 2017, at El Cariso Park **A background of the purpose of this event was given due to the attendance of new stakeholders. There was also an appeal for volunteers for that day. This is the second connect day event in Sylmar in five months.**
- 6. Discussion and possible action** to approve the Minutes for the meeting held February 2, 2017 **This will be voted upon at the April meeting. The minutes were not available to be read or accepted.**
- 7. Discussion and possible action** to schedule a committee/community visit to the winter shelter at the Sylmar Armory **Peggy will schedule a visit to the winter shelter before its closing.**
- 8. Update and discussion** of the extension of the emergency winter shelter at the Sylmar Armory **The city council approved the extension of the winter shelter for one additional month. Therefore, the shelter will remain open until March 31, 2017.**
- 9. Update and discussion** related to a change in shelter services at the Sylmar Armory Shelter as proposed by LA County Board of Supervisors. Ann Job **Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez motioned that the SNC should write a**

**community impact letter to the Board of Supervisors. Kurt Cabrera-Miller second the motion. Motion carried.**

**A question and answer session ensued as the stakeholders in attendance wanted to learn more about the homeless condition in Sylmar, what it means to have a year round 24/7 shelter in Sylmar and voiced any opposition to hosting such shelter in Sylmar.**

**Here were some of the statements made in this discussion by stakeholders in attendance:**

**"Are we encouraging career homeless people to stay here?", "Don't want to enable them.", "Surrounding cities should have to bear the expense such as Porter Ranch or Granada Hills."**

**Stakeholders expressed that this decision was made without a public forum to educate the citizens of Sylmar of what it means to have a shelter in their community.**

**The committee encouraged the stakeholders to attend the Sylmar Neighborhood Council meetings, follow minutes on the SNC website or attend meetings of the committees. i.e. "get involved"**

**Amended- Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez requested that it be noted she never saw the letter that was sent. Ann Job did not have a copy at the meeting.**

- 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](mailto:PegCou@outlook.com)  
The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2017
- 12. Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment** **The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.**

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