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MINUTES

THE HOMELESS SERVICES COMMITTEE - AGENDA

Thursday, April 6, 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 6:35 PM
- 2. Housekeeping:** Sign-In Sheets, etc. 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, Duane Weber, Erin Ziliak, and Marty Back.
- 4. Public Comment** on non-agendized matters, within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. A stakeholder read the California State Constitution article 1 section 1 She asked us to keep in mind during this meeting.
- 5. Discussion and possible action** to approve Minutes for the February 2, 2017 meeting, presented by Barbara Winslow: Motion was to accept was made by Kurt Cabrera-Miller and second by Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez. Motion carried.
- 6. Discussion and possible action** to approve the Minutes for the March 2, 2017 meeting, presented by Barbara Winslow: Joanne wanted to be on record that her vote was "NO" for the community impact letter discussed in item 9. She stated that the purpose of the letter was unclear to her. This is despite the fact that the minutes reflect that she made the motion for a vote for said letter of impact.
- 7. Discussion and update** regarding the establishment of a year-round homeless shelter in Sylmar. The Board of Supervisors is studying the feasibility said shelter in Sylmar. Stakeholder stated he thought that the BOS would inform the public about their study by 4/7/17. Part of the study is coming up with an estimated cost to provide year-round shelter.

This item was revisited after item (8). The Department of Mental Health spoke about the impact was to their services since the shelter had closed for the season. Mainly they felt the loss of reaching to more people due to the fact that the shelter was a platform to visit and revisit an individual's needs. The DMH also provided guidelines and contact information to report people under mental distress. DMH reminded all in attendance that no matter your living situation everyone has inalienable rights and only under extreme circumstances can those rights be taken away.

There was a brainstorming session where a list was developed to reflect the concerns of the stakeholders in attendance and the committee as well.

8. **Discussion and possible action** related to the report from Sylmar NC liaison to the Los Angeles, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment- Homeless Committee. Ann Job: **A state-of-emergency has been declared for LA county and the state of California. Due to this the Department of Neighborhood empowerment will be offering three training sessions to the Homeless Liaisons throughout LA. She also stated that ALL winter shelters are being considered for 24/7 services to the homeless. Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez expressed her concerns that there is information lacking. She also was concerned that it appears that Ann Job was representing the complete community.**
9. **Discussion and possible action** regarding Community Impact Statement within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. **Due to item (7) consuming the majority of the meeting, this item was not discussed.**
10. **Committee Member Comments** on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.: **Kurt Cabrera-Miller has resigned from the committee due to his new position as President of the SNC.**
11. **Future Agenda Items:** Please e-mail the Homeless Committee Chair at PegCou@outlook.com by April 26, 2017. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2017.

12. Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment

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