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THE HOMELESS SERVICES COMMITTEE – Approved Minutes
Thursday, July 6, 2017 – 6:30 PM
El Cariso Park, 13100 Hubbard Street, Sylmar, CA 91342
(See front desk for assigned room)

Committee Chair – Peggy Courtney

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- 1. Call to Order and Welcome** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Winslow at 6:36 PM. Michelle Whitaker welcomed everyone to El Cariso Park.
- 2. Housekeeping:** Sign-In Sheets, etc. **The Homeless Services Committee mission statement was read by Barbara Winslow**
- 3. Roll Call** of Committee Members: **In attendance:** Barbara Winslow, Joanne Balltierrez-Fernandez, Ann Job, Duane Weber, Erin Ziliak and Jennifer Castro. **Absent:** Peggy Courtney, Marty Back, Sam Platts.
- 4. Public Comment** on non-agendized matters, within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

Afina Mendizabal requested that the committee rescind the letter written by the committee in support of the year-round shelter.

Laura Rathbone stated that all of the winter shelters need to open now. She expressed concern about the citizens who are in physical danger or dying in the streets.

Savana is a Sylmar High School student establishing a student-based homeless committee. Paul Dumont stated that it is cheaper to house homeless than to allow them to live on the streets.

Dianelle Arianna asked about the information that people are being "shipped" from elsewhere into Sylmar.

Bocanegra's office is working with the counting and housing regarding homelessness. We were encouraged to call 211 to report homeless issues.

Bonnie Bernard stated that we need more resources such as first responders and public works to serve Sylmar.

Elisha M requested that we shop in Sylmar to support the businesses in the community. She also noted that there are homeless people located at Astoria and Fenton.

5. **Discussion and possible action** to approve Minutes for the June 8, 2017, Special Committee Meeting, presented by Barbara Winslow **Ann Job motioned that the minutes approved as written. Duane Weber second the motion. Motion carried.**
6. **Update and Discussion**, Jaime Ruiz, Navigator with L.A. Family Housing **Five more resources have been added to the area north of the 118 from Porter Ranch to Sylmar. These five resources are one person from Department of Mental health, another person can address substance abuse and two people are focusing on outreach. Jaime's contact information was shared. He stated that he usually responds in 24-48 hours.**
7. **Discussion and Review** regarding any changes or advancement of L.A. County's motion to establish a year-round homeless shelter at all winter emergency sites including Sylmar in 2017 **It was expected that the BOS would motion for the Armory to open in August 2017 and close in March 2018 for renovation.**
8. **Update and Discussion** regarding the planning of the community information meeting about the proposed establishment of a year-round shelter with wraparound services at the Sylmar Armory **Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez summarized the first meeting held to organize this meeting. The committee is aiming for an August date for the meeting and still in search of location. Flyers will be produced by the SNC. Kurt Cabrera-Miller obtained a Civic Center Permit for Harding Street Elementary School.**
9. **Discussion and possible action** related to the report from Sylmar NC liaison to the Los Angeles, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment- Homeless Committee. Ann Job **Ann Job did not attend, but Laura Rathbone, the Mission Hills Liaison, told us that Measure H funds were pushed back to October 1, 2017. Sales tax for prop HHH was to go into effect July 1, 2017.**
10. **Discussion and possible action** related to Homeless Services Committee involvement in the December 14, 2017, Sylmar Homeless Connect Day at El Cariso Park **There was discussion about providing care package backpacks as well as inviting volunteers to help with any other projects that may be planned for the event.**
11. **Discussion and possible action** regarding Community Impact Statement within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.
12. **Committee Member Comments** on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.
13. **Future Agenda Items:** Please e-mail the Homeless Committee Chair at Peggy.Courtney@Sylmarnc.org by July 25, 2017. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2017.
14. **Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment**

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