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APPROVED MINUTES
THE HOMELESS SERVICES COMMITTEE – AGENDA
Thursday, August 3, 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** The meeting was called to order by Peggy Courtney at 6:38 PM. Erin Ziliak welcomed everyone to Church of the Foothills and invited all to church services and activities.
- 2. Housekeeping:** Sign-In Sheets, etc.
- 3. Roll Call** of Committee Members: **In Attendance:** Peggy Courtney, Barbara Winslow, Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez, Ann Job, Duane Weber and Erin Ziliak. **Absent:** Marty Back, Jennifer Castro and Sam Platts
- 4. Public Comment** on non-agendized matters, within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. **Laura Rathbone spoke about Faith Based Grants for Homeless Focus, Homeless Incentive Program, encouraged Church of the Foothills to be a cooling center, and subsidized housing programs from LA Family Housing. Bonnie Bernard made suggestions on how to improve agenda item #12 from the July 6, 2017 committee meeting.**
- 5. Discussion and possible action** to approve Minutes for the July 5, 2017, Committee Meeting, presented by Barbara Winslow **Ann Job motioned and Erin Ziliak second the motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.**
- 6. Update and Discussion,** Jaime Ruiz, Navigator with L.A. Family Housing **Jaime thanked everyone in attendance for the emails sent to him pointing out homes "hot spots". Jaime introduced Patrick Justice who is part of the E6 Outreach Team for SPA 2. Patrick spoke about the county's push for outreach and finding the homeless that are hardest to reach. The team Patrick serves with consists of members from E6, Department of Mental Health, and an ER response team. The team provides a peer advocate, substance abuse counselor, and domestic violence specialist. He shared contact phone numbers: for adults – 818-255-2703, for families – 818-255-2766, children aged 14-24 – 818-755-8786. Patrick also provided the LA Homeless Services Authority Emergency Response Team telephone number – 213-225-6581.**

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 **The County met with local businesses to hear their concerns within the Arroyo area near the shelter. The plans for the shelter are on hold while the County works to identify issues and create resolution to identified issues.**
8. **Discussion and possible action** regarding the planning of the Community Assembly (Date, Time, Location, Speakers) about the proposed establishment of a year-round shelter with wraparound services at the Sylmar Armory. **The following motion was given by Joanne Baltierrez-Fernandez. Community Assembly Gathering Meeting to be held on November 8, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Sylmar Charter High School with representatives from public city and county representatives and/or private, non-profit agencies involved in the establishment of the proposed navigation center located at the Sylmar Armory. The motion was second by Erin Ziliak. Motion carried.**
9. **Discussion and possible action** to request an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 from the Sylmar Neighborhood Council to fund the costs of Community Assembly regarding the proposed Sylmar Navigation Center. Funds requested will be used to cover expenses of venue, advertisement, security, refreshments, and potential translation services. **The following motion was given by Erin Ziliak. To replace previous amount of \$1000 which was approved by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council on June 22, 2017, for the informational meeting with request for an amount not to exceed \$2000 for the Community Assembly Gathering Meeting. Duane Weber second the motion. Motion carried.**
10. **Discussion and possible action** related to the report from Sylmar NC liaison to the Los Angeles, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment- Homeless Committee. Ann Job **The next meeting is August 30, 2017.**
11. **Discussion and possible action** related to Homeless Services Committee involvement in the December 14, 2017, Sylmar Homeless Connect Day at El Cariso Park **Due to the agenda running behind the discussion was short, however, Peggy Courtney requested support from the community at large and the committee.**
12. **Discussion and possible action** regarding Community Impact Statement within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. **N/A**
13. **Committee Member Comments** on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction. **We were advised as to the motion Bob Blumenfield was bringing before the City Council.**
14. **Future Agenda Items:** Please e-mail the Homeless Committee Chair at Peggy.Courtney@Sylmarnc.org by August 30, 2017. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2017. **This meeting has been changed to September 14, 2017.**
15. **Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment**

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