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HOMELESSNESS IN SILVER LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Silver Lake Public Library, 2411 Glendale Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039

Co-Chair: Darius Derakshan, 626.388.7414, dderakshan@gmail.com

MINUTES

The City’s Neighborhood Council system enables civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of volunteer stakeholders who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities and bringing government closer to us.

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1. **WELCOMING REMARKS:** (5 minutes)

- A. Call to order
- B. Committee roll call
- C. Self-Introductions of guests (Please sign-in! It is voluntary, and will help us stay in touch with you.)

2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** (5 minutes)

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee’s jurisdiction (Up to two minutes per speaker)

i. **Barbara Ringuette:** *Barbara asked that we go to the budget advocate website and fill out 1 of the 4 surveys, the last one is the homeless survey, www.ncbala.com Also, Barbara attended the DONE meeting for homelessness outreach, spoke with Nathaniel VerGow, director of homeless services at LAHSA, and met with Chris Calandria, also part of LAHSA. Chris went over the entire structure of the LAHSA homeless program. Barbara sent the link to the Albuquerque program, said certain people under the bridge. Spoke with Mayor regarding the encampment.*

3. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:** (10 minutes)

- A. Review and Adoption of December 2016 and February 2017 minutes – *Approved, 5-0, Alexa, David, Janet, Darius, Barbara*
- B. Co-Chair Election: Darius nominated *Nithya Ramen as co-chair, Janet Kim seconded.*
Nithya stated that she worked for Miguel Santana, helped author the report that identified that the city was spending roughly \$100 million annually, including \$80 million just by LAPD, and thought it was an incredible problem, so she committed herself to change the way we approach homelessness, taking a more compassionate, people-first approach. As a resident of Silver Lake, she wants is safe for women, safe for bicyclists, and safe for those experiencing homelessness.
i. *Nithya wins unanimously, approved Alexa, David, Janet, Cat Darius, Barbara*
- C. Discuss PATH \$1500 grant approval - *tabled*
- D. Discuss PATH Welcome Home program – *updated the community on this opportunity*

4. **PRESENTATIONS:** (20 minutes)

- A. By Name Registry (Community Solutions)



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5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS: (20 minutes)

- A. Discussion and possible action to establish a partnership with Community Solutions to create a By Name Registry for Silver Lake

Discussion:

Janet: Concerned with the CES system, The system might be flawed (CES) because it takes so long. The questions are intrusive, and it will be very difficult for someone very green to perform this task. Barbara: Toured a winter homeless shelter, the line moved very quickly, because of the CES. Helps to coordinate the services. Janet: Thinks it will be useful to find a streamlined version for those who are not lucid, doesn't feel that those dealing with mental illness can do it. Nithya: Concerned about the VISPADAT. Barbara: Myra, Vendome, attended CD13 meeting, fires were set on Silver Lake Vendome. Asking for better accountability. Spread out the hours. Would like to have a Homelessness Committee Member there. Nithya: Affordable housing and homelessness are the biggest issues facing the city, and both are intertwined. The police are the face of the city to homeless, there's no immediate accountability from 211 or 311, except from the police. Huge turnover at groups like LAHSA and PATH. Need to build networks of trust. By name registry performed by the community. The community goes out by themselves and going out from the community. 3 census tracks. For a by name registry. Works best as a community process.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: (5 minutes)

- A. Co-Chairs - None

7. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (5 minutes)

8. ADJOURNMENT

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