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HOMELESSNESS IN SILVER LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, at 6:00 pm to 7:10 pm

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

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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)

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

- A. Review and Adoption of December 2016 and February 2017 minutes
 - i. *Approved 4-0*
- B. Discuss PATH Welcome Home program
 - i. *Darius & Nithya announced the result of the welcome home program and potentially participating in future ones*

4. **PRESENTATIONS:** (30 minutes)

- A. Vision for the work of The Homelessness Committee & new Homelessness Action Plan
 - i. *Co-Chairs discussed building a neighborhood-level movement in Silver Lake to respond to homelessness in a proactive, compassionate, and effective way. Co-chairs stated that they believe it is especially important to increase community involvement and awareness at this time to ensure that funds from Measure H and HHH are spent to address this community's most pressing needs.*
- B. Current Homeless Outreach Process In Silver Lake Discussion (CD13, LAHSA, LAPD, PATH)

Attendees:

Meghan Choi – Groundgame LA , Lenny Davis, LAPD SLO, Kimberly Davis – LAHSA HOPE Team, Victor Hinderliter – LAHSA, Jenny Mauries – PATH Outreach Team, Amani Alexander – PATH Outreach Team, Mary Rodriguez – CD13 Silver Lake Field Deputy, Barbarba Ringuette – SLNC Governing Board Member
Dorit – Silver Lake Homeless Activist and Landlord, Cat Kim – East Hollywood Los Feliz Homeless
Mary: One of the most important components is to bring awareness, how LAHSA cleans up encampments and authorize the cleaning up of encampments, LAPD HOPE team, gets calls from the community, feel really bad about



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the homeless but does not tolerate. People are afraid, do not want to confront homeless, gets a lot of calls from parents, but only so much the city can do with the current laws, Silver Lake underpass. Some sites need more, Vermont triangle, potentially.

Barbara: Had a conversation with Lenny, the officer thinks there needs to be more cleanups.

Dorit: Cleaning up won't actually house someone, we need engage landlords, lots of little ones, host a landlord Section 8 party.

Kimberly: Suggested the board come up with things that could specifically help landlords, partner with Home Depot, The Gas Company, very hard to get it up to code for inspection, set up a 24-hour hotline for landlords, even help with eviction. Watts Labor Community Action Committee. Landlord lunches, get some landlord who are successful to talk.

Victor: Eviction prevention, very difficult, they usually find out before the fact, legal resources, the Housing Rights Center, hopefully more homeless prevention funding, rapid rehousing. LAHSA

Kimberly Lewis: Flex Funds can help. Xavier, seeing him on fund. Was not in CES, but was entered. Must be single.

Janet: Concerned about families, what happens them?

Victor: They would be connected with PATH

PATH: They help with families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. We have an advertising team that communicates this.

Dorit: SLNC had a flyer with info it regarding homeless, get CD13 or CD4 copies.

Meghan: Some housing groups have done magnets, or the LA Tenants Union.

Barbara: Submit motion in committee, get approved by Governing Board, along with costs

Meghan: GroundGame LA, door canvassing,

Victor: 213-225-6581, include the LAHSA number, especially if there are mental health concerns, does not have outreach team waiting to go out. County strategies from measure H, county wide coordinated outreach strategy, 1 central hotline number, will filter that call to the most appropriate team. Will be tough to get it under the 72 hour response time. If we are getting calls from the neighborhood, we should reach out to Kim, 90% of the time she will be able to coordinate.

Nithya: how does the HOPE team work?

Victor: HOPE Team, each bureau has 8 dedicated LAPD officers doing homeless outreach, who go out with LAHSA. LAPD gets the first call usually. LAHSA attends their roll call in the morning, hears about their concerns, work hand in hand. Normally feel safe in homeless encampments, but there are times when they feel unsafe. There are times when enforcement is important. Sometimes it helps when there is a carrot and a stick.

Kimberly Lewis: Supervisors HOPE team, deals with a total of 4 teams. Has a wonderful success story. Had a veteran, LAHSA was reaching out of him for over a year, Kim connected with him, and he ended taking services. Use cleaning as a tool to get them in the door.

Barbara: Does the team that does outreach have the tools that they need?? Also, have you heard about the Albuquerque solution??

Victor: San Fernando Rescue Mission is performing something similar, Chrystalis is doing job placement. Also, LAPD is becoming experts at knowing which services are available.

Lenny: Group under bridge, did a cleanup, needed one side clear. Which, Vermont Triangle.

Cat: How does LAHSA decide on where outreach?

Victor: Take lead from HOPE officers, comes for the council districts and SLO, HOPE team is made up of 2 officers from.

Cat: Gets a lot of complaints

Nithya: One quick question, what is the process, is it demand based?

Kimberly: HOPE team responds based on requests, but LAHSA does have regular outreach

Victor: 5611 code homeless encampment authorization requires outreach before a cleanup, so LAHSA contacts, 2

Barbara: How do you coordinate to make sure there aren't any duplication of services.

Victor: Large space for enhanced coordination, the county strategy for enhanced outreach coordination should allow everyone to talk more.

Dorit: Silver Lake needs an access center, homeless here need to go all the way to Rampart by Tommy's, Silver Lake needs an access center here. The free clinic potentially could have been the access center. It could here in



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Silver Lake or Echo Park. Also need to do a Homeless Connect Day, invite all the service providers, have lunch, have showers, give people experiencing homelessness a taste of services.

- 5. **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:** (10 minutes)
 - A. Discussion and possible action to establish new Silver Lake Homelessness Action Plan
 - i. No action was taken
- 6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (5 minutes)
 - A. Co-Chairs
- 7. **REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** (5 minutes)
- 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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