

HOMELESSNESS IN SILVER LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, Aug 2, 2018, from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm Silver Lake Recreation Center, 1850 W Silver Lake Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90026

Co-Chairs: Darius Derakshan & Nithya Raman, dderakshan@gmail.com/nithyawriting@gmail.com

Meeting notes August 2, 2018 7:38 pm
Homelessness in Silver Lake Committee

Attendance:

Nithya Raman
Darius Derakshan
Sean Maytum
Risa
Cathy Takemoto
Hayes Davenport
Scott Frasier
Barbara Ringuette
Dorit Dowler-Guerrero
Rachel Fox

Item 2: Public Comments, Non-Agenda Items:

Barbara: Mary Rodriguez is making a plan to clean up a small area near Reservoir on the way to Angelus St. Lots of concerns about the area there. The people in the apartments have cleaned up their part of the mess. She wants to replace the telephone pole, so that the residents could install a light so that people wouldn't be camping there any more.

Barbara: also attended the meeting for homeless liaisons. Homes for Neighbors, Bloomberg Challenge grant recipient. Mayor's Innovation Team is also working with them. Giving money to people who are low to middle income in order to build these granny flats with services. \$23,000 to build a granny flat. Do planning for the second unit on your property.

Item 3 Co Chair Elections:

Darius: Every year has to hold co-chair elections. This is open to the public.
Darius – nominates Nithya, Cathy seconds.
Nithya – nominates Darius, Dorit seconds
No other candidates, no objections

Darius moves to skip to item 4D, with Rachel Fox in Attendance, Nithya seconds

Item 4D: Rachel Fox, CD4 David Ryu Deputy

Catherina Landers, only 5 of the locations are in CD4. DOT Lots in Los Feliz are not possible because they are Hollywood and Hillhurst Lot are in the process of a demolition and they are planning to build a mixed use residential unit.

Friendship Lot has potential – CAO and CLA is looking up if that is an option.

Can you look at office space as a lease potential?

Vacuum cleaner store next to the Vista

A better option is to look at the H funds

We are in the early stages of planning a homeless connect day in Friendship Auditorium as long as they have a drop in sewer line

People Concern about doing outreach in Los Feliz and wants a local office space.

LAHSA is doing a weekly reportback to her about encampments on Hollywood Blvd. Would the CD 13 Schrader facility be able to accommodate them?

Dorit: People Concern would be able to help these residents

Rachel Fox – monitoring the former Gardner Library – offering 30 beds for women in Hollywood. LGBT center is continuing construction – 65 for youth, 25 senior beds. A couple more private providers fo

CLA and CAO – look at sites that were brought to us by the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council. One will be for bridge housing and one is for permanent supportive housing. One of them is federally owned and one is city owned.

Darius: How did the neighborhood council identify the parcels?

Rachel: Silver Lake Community Church – might be an option.

Council member was also voted the San Fernando Council of Governments – Glendale and Burbank. He has wanted to have all these governments coming together to work on homelessness.

Introduced Angi – Central Area Rep for Garcetti
Replacing Robert Park

90 days before the bridge housing opens, we will be doing intensive outreach to the individuals. Some people have too many carts. We are going to work with them to reduce the amount of stuff they need. Each site will have community input. Rachel or Mary will hold the community meetings.

Complaints Even if the site is opened, there will still be trash around.

There will be a lounging area inside these places. It's going to be a rotating them. Every 3 – 6 months, there will be a new shelter bed that will be provided. If they are not being able to be housed at that shelter, they will be given beds in another location.

With CD 4 they are still looking for open sites – and the CD 13.

Angie.aramayo@lacity.org

Dorit: Olive Hotel – great location for motel conversion

4A: LAHOP – Dorit, new portal, used to describe a person who is experience homelessness, will send the appropriate outreach worker. People can report themselves. It's a pretty nifty program.

4B: Silver Lake Homeless Count Summary – Postponed until next meeting

4C: SELAH (Silver Lake, Echo Park, Los Feliz, Atwater Village, and Hollywood) Neighborhood Homelessness Coalition - Service Center Search – Postponed until next meeting

4E. Mitch O'Farrell CD13 – Councilmembers or deputy's report on progress in addressing homelessness
– Postponed, councilperson or staff not in attendance

5A. Homeless Count: Nithya introduces, seconded Dorit

- Nithya: is a \$100 enough money?
- Dorit: There is no charge for the facility, so we don't need much.
- Barbara: Will this be a NPG? Terry can please assist
- Vote to vote, No Objections, passes unanimously

5B. Letter To Mayor Eric Garcetti:

- Darius introduces, Hayes seconds
- Entertain an amendment by Barbara to additionally send the letter to the LA City Poverty & Homelessness Committee, discussed, no changes, amendment passes unanimously
- Hayes moves to amend the wording of the letter, seconded by Barbara:
 - o Hayes: concerned about the last sentence, thinks that the last clause opens the door to immediate criminalizing. What happens when there are enough beds? Submits an amendment, temporary beds, bridge housing, PSH, and affordable housing. Scott asks to add the word especially after *to criminalize homelessness* phrase. Amendment approved unanimously
 - o Text of new letter: *The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council agrees that many tools must be used to address the homelessness crisis and assist those in desperate need, but it is poor policy and unethical to criminalize homelessness especially when there is a severe scarcity of shelter beds and housing. We ask Mayor Eric Garcetti to continue to honor the Jones Settlement until there are enough temporary beds, bridge housing, permanent supportive housing, and affordable housing available for all who seek it within reasonable walking distance of their current homes.*

Roll Call Vote: Approved Unanimously

Cathy – Yes
Sean – Yes
Hayes - Yes
Scot – Yes
Barbara – Yes
Dorit – Yes
Nithya – Yes

6. Committee Member Comments/Announcements: Non

7. Request/Motions For Future Agenda Items: None

8. Darius moves to ajourn, seconded by Nithya, meeting adjourns at 8:58 pm

