

HOMELESSNESS IN SILVER LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 7, 2019, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order: 6:04 pm

Attendees:

- Barbara Ringuette
- Angie Aramayo
- Dorit Dowler-Guerrero
- Samantha Danner
- Cathy Takemoto
- Rachel Fox
- Sima Ghaddar
- Darius Derakshan
- Nithya Raman

Item 2 Public Comment:

Barbara: Budget advocates meeting with the Mayor, have a question regarding homelessness?

- Nithya: What about how they schedule cleanups? How much is allocated?
- Samantha: Where does the budget come from?
- Dorit: Public Comment for the mayor's office – So many cleanups, just had one at the Rite Aid on Glendale BLVD, and where Alvarado meet. Has video, Tuesday at 10 am, definitely not enough of a warning for that location.

3A: Approve January 2019 SLNC Homelessness Minutes:

Darius moves to approve without objection, approved

4A: People Assisting The Homeless MADISON AVE Meeting Update (Ringuette)

- PATH Update: Barbara Ringuette: Frist time in the new building, looks nice, LAPD was there, 3 weeks ago there was a gang on gang shootings, and 1 week before there was a rifle shooting. Vic Gutierrez, SLO, engages positively with the homeless folks. 95% of calls are related to homelessness. Might have a trash bin. Cannot have a police officer there the full time. Several issues with meth on site.

4B: SELAH Neighborhood Homelessness Coalition

- Darius, new location and time for SELAH Engagement Day
- Nithya, working with LAHSA and People Concern, to bring in two new access points to Silver Lake and Echo Park, and will hopefully getting a case manager specifically for this area. Would like the CD4 and Mayor's Support, as well as potentially some discretionary funding from elected official's office. Angie said LAHSA has funds, might sponsor an access points.
- Dorit: Dinners are going well, 4th Wednesday of the Month, engage with people not just feed people, looking to get people housed
- Darius: 395 kits made at the SELAH Kit Drive

4C: Silver Lake NC Homelessness Committee Hygiene Kit Drive: Set Date, 4/27 tentatively

4D: Joint Committee Meeting with the Mature Adults + Housing and Tenants' Rights Committees:

Nithya: Often we look at and tend to deal with the end result of poverty which is homelessness, but we need to address the issue of homelessness vulnerability, we can be more global/holistic.

Angie, materials, HCDI, and Samantha thinks we should work with LA Tenants Union.

Rachel Fox says all hospitals need to produce a community health needs assessment

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4E: David Ryu CD4 – Councilmember or deputy’s report on progress in addressing homelessness

Rachel Fox, couple projects, Aviva, near Runyon Canyon, Project working young women who are in the foster system, now helps transitional aged youth. Also working with Mercy Housing in Sherman Oaks, Senior Housing. Introduced a Bridge Housing for Los Feliz, Cathy Takemoto attended and gave wonderful feedback, will be agenized in the last part of the March, already having community meetings, can fit 75 to 100 people, already have sewer and water hookups, Service Providers are weighing in, no walk up, they want to make sure it builds.

Nithya thinks doing 75 to 100 beds is a lot

Dorit thinks there should be different communities, if the executive director doesn’t know each person it will be a poop show.

Barbara Ringuette: Ideally, have individual housing, or maybe have sub-dividing the area.

Cathy: How far of an area can we draw from to get homeless folks in?

Nithya: We hope this is not used to penalize our homeless residents, should be a benefit. Future meetings?

4G: Mayor Eric Garcetti - Mayor or deputy’s report on progress in addressing homelessness

Angie Aramayo: Mayor is working to get more funding for eviction and defense

Darius: Bridge housing, how is that coming? Angie: El Pueblo open, Schrader close, La Fayette opening

Dorit: Proposed developments should have Informational fairs, and it should be advertised as informal fairs

5A: Motion to draft and approve a letter for the 2018 BRIDGE HOUSING REQUEST TO CD4 & CD13

Motion

Darius intro, seconded by Dorit

Dear Councilmembers Ryu and O’Farrell,

We respectfully request that the councilmembers site bridge housing in Silver Lake to serve our un-housed Silver Lake community members. Many neighborhoods in Los Angeles are receiving Bridge Housing facilities of various sizes, and given the number of homeless individuals in Silver Lake either waiting for permanent housing or services, this type of facility would be a NET positive for all residents and would help reduce homelessness

- Vote: Approved unanimously

5B: Motion to draft and approve a letter for the 2018 SAFE PARKING CD13 MITCH O’FARRELL Letter of Support Motion

Darius introduced, seconded by Samantha

Councilman O’Farrell has proposed a safe parking program at the Edendale Library. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council strongly supports this proposal. We respectfully request that the councilmember site Safe Parking at the Edendale Library to assist our vehicularly un-housed community members, which would be a NET positive for the entire community.

- Vote: Approved unanimously

5C: Motion to review and approve Community Impact Statement regarding CD4 Los Feliz Bridge Housing Feasibility Study, Council File 19-0126

Introduced by Darius, seconding by Samantha

- Vote: Approved unanimously

Request: Samantha request safe parking for Silver Lake

Move to adjourn 7:14 pm