

6/25/2019 SLNC Homeless Committee

Attendees: Darius Derakshan, Nithya Raman, Tom Glaz, Paul Emmons, Kyle Joachim, Nina Sorkin

**1. Welcoming Remarks**

- 1A. Meeting Called To Order: 7:38 pm
- 1B. Committee Roll Call: Darius, Nithya, Paul, Nina
- 1C. Self-Introductions of Guests

**2. General Public Comments: None**

**3. Homelessness Committee Co-Chair Elections:**

- Darius nominates Nithya, Paul seconds
- Nithya nominates Darius, Paul seconds, Darius
- No other nominees
- Darius Derakshan and Nithya Raman are reelected co-chairs unanimously
- Nithya Raman: I look forward to continuing the work of the Homelessness Committee, as well as working with and creating a true partnership with the new SLNC board.

**4. Administrative Items:**

- 4A: Review and Adoption of 5/13/2019 Minutes: Approved unanimously

**5. Presentations:**

- 5A: David Ryu CD4 – Councilmember or deputy not present
- 5B: Mitch O’Farrell CD13 – Councilmember or deputy not present
- 5C: Mayor Eric Garcetti - Mayor or deputy not present
- 5D: Homeless count numbers
  - o Nithya: In 2018 the numbers relatively stayed flat, but in 2019 the numbers went up 16% in City and 12% in LA County, there has been a visible increase in homelessness. CD4 had a 53% increase in homelessness. Numbers were not that surprising to those who work in the space.
  - o Nina: Mature Adults has a motion to support the Bridge Housing on Riverside
  - o Darius needs to see if SLNC sent letter of support was sent, see if the Council File has been made, CF190126
  - o Darius states the Homeless Count for Silver Lake was 111 in 2018 but in 2019 it rose to 124 individuals, an 11% increase
- 5E: PATH Lease Up: Darius describes the opportunity for landlords to work with PATH to lease their units to formerly homeless individuals in a program where PATH will do all the work.
- 5F: SELAH
  - o Service Not Sweeps Update: Darius and Nithya discuss how SELAH and many other groups are working as a coalition to end the vicious cycle of progress and being interrupted for neighbors experiencing homelessness when their important documents are thrown away. Nithya started as a volunteer group
  - o Saturday Hot Meals, Showers, and Yoga Program: Through private funding, SELAH is not going to extend the Showers on Saturday throughout the summer
  - o Wednesday Dinners at Silver Lake Community Church: Paul suggests it could be a great idea of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council takes over running the potluck one Wednesday night a month.

- LAHSA Silver Lake Access Point Contract: Darius and Nithya describe SELAH's request to set up an Access Point for Silver Lake through LAHSA. Tom thinks it will help but wants to know more about SELAH's long-term vision. Nithya discusses SELAH's long term goal to have community-supported neighborhood-level Access Centers in each neighborhood to address the issue of homelessness now, and if one day homelessness is solved, these Access Centers can be converted into poverty/vulnerability centers in the future.
- Nithya: Cooling centers were listed but cannot be used in most cases because of summer programs. Need to update the list more thoroughly.
  - Nina: GPAC open as a cooling center
  - Paul: Wants list of Cooling Centers
- 5G: SLNC Homelessness Awareness Education Day of Action & Care Kit Drive Day: Darius wants to know if the SLNC can still make this happen even though it was approved in the last term with funds from the previous budget cycle. Paul thinks this committee can re-agendize item by sending Nora and Lena a request

#### **6. Motions & Resolutions:**

- 6A: Discussion and possible action item: Motion to submit a request to the SLNC Governing Board to approve having the SLNC Homelessness Committee Conduct the 2020 Homeless Count in conjunction with Los Angeles Homeless Services Administration (LAHSA) at the Silver Lake Community Church.
  - Darius introduces, Nina seconds, no objections, passes unanimously
- 6B: Discussion and Possible Action: Motion to submit a request to the SLNC Governing Board to approve having the SLNC Homelessness Committee table at the July 17, 2019, Los Feliz Neighborhood Council Homelessness Forum
  - Darius introduces, Nithya seconds, no objections, passes unanimously
  - Nina who is picking up the cost, Paul also asks if any cost to SLNC, there is none.

#### **7. Committee Member Comments/Announcements:**

- Pastor Kyle, serves on clergy council, wants to create a roundtable discussion, bringing invested parties to homelessness, discuss ways in which we might be getting in each other's way, have Law Enforcement and Sanitation at the table. Pastor Kyle would like to have SLNC Committee would like to participate.
- Nina out of town first two weeks
- Nithya would like to give/get a report on the Safe Parking Program,
- Paul wants to know about the Parking Situation on Riverside Drive, there is a parking prohibition from 2 am to 6 am between Fletcher and Glendale that seems unnecessary since there are no residential or commercial buildings in that stretch, could be great for unhoused individuals living in their cars to park overnight.

#### **8. Requests/Motions For Future Agenda Items: None**

#### **9. Adjournment: Darius moves to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm**