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- 1. WELCOMING REMARKS:** (5 minutes)
 - A. Call to order
 - B. Self-Introductions of committee members and guests
- 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** (5 minutes)

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction: to comment via the Zoom app, use the 'Raise Hand' function, or dial *9 via the call-in number (Up to two minutes per speaker)
- 3. PRESENTATIONS:** (5 minutes)
 - A. Updates from any City/County representatives in attendance
- 4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:** (5 minutes)
 - A. Review and Adoption of November 10, 2020 meeting minutes [see attached]
- 5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:** (60 minutes)
 - A. (Demian) *Discussion and possible action* to send to the SLNC Governing Board a CIS in support of Council File 20-1145, Advance Proposition HHH / Homelessness Crisis Reduction / Short Term Housing Strategy arising from recommendations in City Controller Ron Galperin's report, 'Meeting the moment: An Action Plan to Advance Prop. HHH.'
 - B. *Discussion and possible action* regarding Silver Lake community fridge. A host has been found and the fridge is or will soon be operational; discussion topics to include volunteer organization around maintenance and food donation and other relevant topics as appropriate.
 - C. *Discussion and possible action* regarding outreach to mutual aid organizations to highlight their services/volunteer opportunities on SLNC social media channels and in newsletter.
 - D. (Hess) *Discussion and possible action* regarding how to support our unhoused neighbors in light of COVID-related reductions in service from regular outreach from organizations like SELAH and Street Watch.
 - E. (Girl) *Discussion and possible action* regarding creating a directory of volunteer opportunities with mutual aid and service organizations supporting the unhoused community



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6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (5 minutes)
 - A. Co-chair or Member announcements
7. **REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** (5 minutes)
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee
11/10/2020 Meeting Minutes**

1. WELCOMING REMARKS: (5 minutes)

A. Call to order

Samantha called to order at 6:34pm

B. Committee roll call

C. Self-Introductions of guests

Samantha: SLNC Region 1 rep, happy to make progress and excited about new council member Nithya Raman

Imran: Region 4 rep

Maebe: On SLNC, this is important committee there is always something to be done.

Alex: Brand new to Silverlake, looking forward to committee

Cathy: from SELAH, interest in doing outreach

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

Maebe: we introduced community impact statement document in opposition to sweeps (20-1376), but worried about its impact. Concerned with having enough time for NCs to debate these issues. Can we think of ways to make things better? Samantha adds that when City Council decides to rush some items through, it doesn't give NCs time to give comment and there's not much we can do about that in the current system. However, no matter when the CIS is submitted it will always be attached to the Council File as a matter of public record. We can take this feedback to Raquel Beltran with DONE. Maebe said that since this happens frequently, it can be helpful to speak as an individual as well. Imran: wife would like to get involved with medical help, but couldn't make meeting. Has worked with SLCC and has residents she would like to bring. Cathy suggests working with Cheryl Revkin of SELAH on Saturdays and Sundays to provide care to clients on site. Samantha notes that USC has a team of street medics and other orgs that are already active and it may be worth investigating how to expand through existing medical outreach work.

Maebe: would like to see future agenda item on how SLNC can get involved with different service organizations. SLNC used to participate in SELAH/SLCC Wednesday suppers but since we haven't been able to do that for a while, would like to find something else that would work for outreach. There are a lot of stakeholders who would really like to get involved. We could make a spreadsheet or directory of opportunities, and also suggests we find a specific event that we can participate in. Imran agrees, and Samantha mentions that this is something we should get started sooner than later. Maebe suggests making an effort to see what's going on the following month, and update the governing board members at meetings. Samantha agrees. Maebe suggests SELAH as the first group we can reach out to.

3. PRESENTATIONS: (5 minutes)

A. Updates from any City/County representatives in attendance

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: (5 minutes)

A. Review and Adoption of October 13, 2020 meeting minutes [see attached]

Samantha moves to adopt, Cathy seconds, committee votes unanimously in favor.

5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS: (60 minutes)

A. Discussion and possible action to hold a joint meeting of the Homelessness Committee and Housing and Tenants Rights committee, or a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness, in December 2020.

Samantha motions, Maebe seconds.

Samantha: lots of housing issues that affect unhoused people and vice versa.

Proposes meeting in December though it might be challenging due to holidays.

This would be in lieu of regular homelessness and housing and tenants rights committee meetings. It could also include members of the mature adults committee if there is anyone available.

Maebe: is the mature adults committee still around?

Samantha: can email Nina Sorkin to find out.

Maebe: found the joint meeting of Homelessness, Housing and Tenants Rights, and Mature Adults (May 2019) to be very effective. That meeting introduced her to housing committee and mature adults, showed her separate issues and cross over work that can be done by these committees.

Samantha: this committee doesn't need to meet that frequently. It could be only twice a year if needed. We should suggest a date now and bring it to the full board and get ad hoc committee started officially.

Samantha: Does ad hoc committee have co-chairs?

Maebe says yes.

Ben joins meeting at this point and Samantha informs Ben they are looking for dates for Ad Hoc committee on Housing and Homelessness. Ben suggests for it to be on Tuesdays (when both Homelessness and HTR normally meet), and Samantha proposes Dec. 15th as that gives us time after the board meeting to get people to attend.

Cathy: what is purpose of meeting together? Is it so we are not overlapping or communication purpose?

Samantha: Joint meetings have to be back-to-back and must hold individual votes, which is why it could be better to have everyone involved in either committee take part in the ad hoc committee meetings. This could help give perspective on CISEs that have complex issues; for example legislation on rent control has effect on both housed and unhoused people.

Maebe asks how long this would be?

Samantha: we can set any time for the meeting.

Samantha: motions for Ad Hoc Committee meeting to be held Dec. 15; seconded by Alex, approved unanimously.

Maebe: do we need to make motion to cancel our next meeting?

Samantha: yes, and would like to send to the housing committee as well for their vote.

Samantha makes an additional motion to cancel December meeting of the Homelessness committee; seconded by Cathy, vote is unanimous in favor of cancelling December Homelessness meeting.

B. *Discussion and possible action to send to the SLNC Governing Board a CIS in support of CF 20-0197, Social Housing / International Models / Construction / Government-Owned Properties / Funding Sources [see attached draft CIS]*

Samantha motions, Ben seconds.

Samantha: this was recommended by Ben and is about social housing, which is used in various places around the world like Europe and Singapore. Goal is to study how it may work in LA. This is a short and sweet CIS, we are in support of studying social housing and how it may be implemented there is not much language on how it would be put into effect yet. Any comments?

Ben: this is a housing model that was designed to be mixed income, and was fairly successful in places like Vienna. It used to be used in Chicago and New York. We need to be studying anything and everything right now. I think it should go a lot further but we are where we are.

Maebe: very in support of this CIS; loves that it shows urgency of immediate action

Samantha: understands values of reports but immediate action is needed in unprecedented situations like we are in.

Samantha makes motion to adopt as written, seconded by Ben, passes unanimously

C. *Discussion and possible action regarding Silver Lake ‘community fridge’ implementation as approved at the September 2020 SLNC board meeting. Possible discussion topics include location scouting, interfacing with business owners/community partners for donations, volunteer organization, and other relevant topics as appropriate.*

Samantha introduces, Imran Seconds

Samantha: doesn't have any updates, community fridge group is in talks with County public health dept. At a recent CD13 alliance meeting, we discussed that NCs can only make comments on items in front of City Council, but Public Health is a County issue, so at some point we might want to ask for broader jurisdiction for commenting. Hopefully in future we get that on agenda.

Samantha would like for SLNC to be involved in the fridge. If anyone has free time to work on this, let Samantha know and she can add you to the Community Fridge Slack channel.

Maebe: asked to be added to Slack. She notes that she does a lot of walking so can see where would be good spots. She also adds that the fridge near Santa Monica is always being used and she would love to see one in our neighborhood.

D. *Discussion and possible action regarding outreach to mutual aid organizations to highlight their services/volunteer opportunities on SLNC social media channels and in newsletter (as approved at October 2020 SLNC Governing Board meeting).*

Samantha introduces, Imran seconds

Maebe: we want to talk about what we can do to help in our community and to offer volunteers. At last meeting we listed groups that are active in our area. We can always add to the list, maybe by email chain, and determine if we want to send anything to the full board.

Samantha: We discussed highlighting an organization each month with the short time we have for committee reports. She didn't have time to reach out to the orgs we mentioned in the past month, but should have more time soon. Asked if Maebe would be willing to put together an email?

Maebe: Yes, but we should clear this with whatever organizations we work with first. Asked if Samantha would put together a Google Doc for this?

Samantha: Absolutely, our committee has a Google drive that we can share for this purpose. Samantha motions to make shared google doc to track the organizations we want to highlight, seconded by Maebe.

Maebe: it would be a good idea to list all orgs we want to highlight, their contact info, and note who wants to be involved. It would also be good to submit to the SLNC newsletter so it can have further reach than just those who attend board meetings.

Samantha: agrees and adds that was always part of the plan to use the newsletter.

Imran: thanks everyone for working on the list.

Samantha motions, Imran seconds, plan is approved unanimously

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

7. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Community fridge (ongoing)

Outreach to other service organizations.

Maebe: if members know of future events, will add this to motion

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:43pm.

**Advance Proposition HHH / Homelessness Crisis Reduction /
Short Term Housing Strategy
CF 20-1145
Community Impact Statement**

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports City Controller Ron Galperin's report, "Meeting the Moment; An Action Plan to Advance Prop. HHH," recommending that the City use the remaining Measure HHH funds to pursue alternative forms of housing. The report suggests that this could be done through acquisition of existing buildings, such as hotels / motels, and unused commercial and office space for adaptive reuse as a quicker and more cost effective approach to house the homeless while the more long-term projects are currently being built under Measure HHH.

The Controller's report emphasizes urgency and clarity of purpose. It recommends that the City should reconsider the plan to use the remaining HHH funds (approximately \$30 million) and any potential funds returned from unsuccessful projects (\$9 million per project) to re-start the development process and solicit proposals for new supportive housing projects- which are unlikely to be completed until 2025 or later.

The report recommends that the City should not exclusively pursue an approach that frequently costs more than \$600,000 per unit and takes up to six years to complete when there are over 41,000 unsheltered Angelenos and an average of three lives lost every day in LA County. The report suggests instead that the City formulate alternative approaches that will result in more immediate housing while completing the HHH-funded projects already underway.

The City Controller's report offers the following recommendations:

Focus on interim housing and facilities - Interim housing along with available and accessible facilities are critical to helping get vulnerable people off the streets and help them meet their basic health, hygiene, sanitation, and storage needs. Unfortunately, neither of these have been prioritized or funded at a scale that matches the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. The City should consider using HHH funds to supplement its emerging effort to increase the supply of interim housing solutions.

Prioritize acquisition, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse opportunities- . Different approaches - such as acquisition, rehabilitation, or adaptive reuse of existing buildings funded by Proposition HHH bond proceeds - may minimize the impact of issues such as land use challenges, the cost of new construction, and systemic issues related to project financing, as well as help reduce costs and

timelines, potentially adding units at a faster rate than the current pace which is 228 units in nearly four years.

Funding currently available through Project Home key is an opportunity for the City to acquire hotels / motels and other existing buildings that can be converted into interim shelters or supportive housing at an estimated cost of \$320,000 per unit. Although the retrofits needed to make these buildings suitable for supportive housing, along with ADA compliance requirements, will add time and money, the locations can be temporarily used as interim housing to mitigate risks associated with COVID-19 transmission in congregant settings.

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council recommends the City take the following immediate steps to provide shelter and services while alternative housing structures are being built:

- Mobilize trailers and tent structure sites with access to showers, bathrooms, sanitation, safe parking with security and case managers;
- Erect pre-fab building structures for temporary housing on city-owned land;
- Provide longer stays at interim housing and relax curfew requirements for residents;
- Provide hotel / motel vouchers more liberally while unhoused families and individuals are waiting for more permanent housing;
- Utilize master-leasing options to pair eligible unhoused residents with apartments.

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council vote: Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____