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HOMELESSNESS IN SILVER LAKE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:30pm – 8:00pm

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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 January 12, 2021 meeting minutes [see attached]
- 5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:** (60 minutes)
 - A. *Discussion and possible action* regarding Silver Lake community fridge. Fridge is operational; discussion topics to include volunteer organization around maintenance and food donation and other relevant topics as appropriate. Volunteer sign-up form available here: <https://forms.gle/BQ8xQNVATRoFczSg7>
 - B. *Discussion and possible action* regarding creation of a directory of volunteer opportunities with mutual aid and service organizations supporting the unhoused community
 - C. [Andrade] *Discussion and possible action* to host presentation(s) from local service and outreach organizations
 - D. [Danner] *Discussion and possible action* regarding a mini homeless count of the Silver Lake area. Possible topics include timeline, volunteer management, supplies needed, partner organizations, etc.
 - E. [Demian] *Discussion and possible action* to send to the SLNC Governing Board a CIS in support of Council File 21-0031, CARE+ CLEANUPS / COVID-19 CRISIS / HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS / CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) GUIDELINES [see attached draft CIS]
 - F. [Demian] *Discussion and possible action* to send to the SLNC Governing Board a CIS in support of Council File 21-0052, 2025 HOMELESS HOUSING GOAL / 25,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS / HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM ANALYSIS [see attached draft CIS]
 - G. [Blakemore] *Discussion and possible action* to recommend to the SLNC Governing Board a virtual event or series of events, possibly through partnership with existing event series, to debunk myths around homelessness. Discussion to consider possible topics, partnership strategies, and outreach venues.



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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 in Silverlake Committee
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1. WELCOMING REMARKS

- A. Called to order at 6:35
- B. Self-Introductions of committee members and guests
 - Samantha Danner - Region 1 rep, committee cochair. Has an exciting piece of news, the community fridge is up and running
 - Maebe A. Girl [she/her or they/them] – Region 5 rep and treasurer. Wants to give credit for fridge to Sarah
 - Sarah – Region 7 rep. thanks all for the work on the fridge and notes it was a team effort.
 - Jane Demian – currently lives in Eagle Rock but used to rent in Silver Lake. Co-chair of SELAH Eagle Rock and involved in ERNC
 - Ben- Congratulates everyone on starting the fridge and looks forward to contributing
 - Albert- names he him, election committee co-chair, community fridge is awesome
 - Imran Syed - happy to see everyone and excited to hear about fridge

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Maebe – Suggests discussing and/or writing Community Impact statement for new council file, 21-0031, introduced by CM Raman – motion is meant to end Care+ sweeps
- Ben – seconds that idea

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Updates from any City/County representatives in attendance
(none)

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- A. Review and Adoption of November 10, 2020 meeting minutes [see attached]
 - Motioned by Samantha, seconded by Ben.
 - No changes requested
 - Maebe, Sarah, Jane, Ben, Imran and Samantha: Yes; Albert: Present, not Voting;
 - No: --
 - Motion Passes

5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

- 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.’**
 - Motion introduced by Samantha, seconded by Sarah
 - Jane - this is in support of report written by Ron Galperin. He’s recommending that \$30 million be used from HHH funds allocated to projects still in development to be used for alternative affordable housing projects. This is suggesting money should be clawed back and applied to projects that will bring affordable housing online more quickly. Jane listened in on press conference with Kevin de Leon who also agrees. Lots of recommendations at the end of the report

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that say these should be done on an emergency basis, that people should be allowed to stay longer, and that stays in shelters shouldn't be so punitive - people get kicked out for violating curfew which is insulting.

Samantha - thinks it's well written, and these seem like obvious solutions, but wonders if there's anything more that we can say or do in terms of strong wording about urgency, since these are time sensitive issues.

Jane – When she presented this to Eagle Rock NC they also thought it should be more urgent, but it can be highlighted again.

Samantha - motions to amend community impact statement to add small textual changes about importance of urgency.

Albert seconds amendment motion.

Samantha – suggests addition: “*urgently* recommends the city takes the steps....”

Jane – anyone who cares knows the urgency but we can hit them over the head, in most kindly way.

Albert – Hopes action can be addressed quickly with new City Council members

Samantha – moves to voice vote on amendment; amendment passes unanimously

Samantha – seeing no further discussion, moves to vote on CIS as a whole; amended CIS passes unanimously.

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.*

Introduced by Samantha, seconded by Sarah

Samantha – very glad that something so positive for our community is now available thanks to the work of Sarah, Maebe, LA Community Fridge and more. Fridge is located at United Bread & Pastry parking lot. It's already painted and has plenty of food. We should discuss a schedule for maintenance and cleaning and moving overflow to other fridges in the area. Sarah made a Google Drive to organize the fridge, and other fridges have implemented volunteer schedules, which is something we can definitely do as well.

Sarah – want volunteers to check on fridge, take items that are going bad and throw them away, and organize if needed.

Maebe – adds that sanitizing occasionally is also important.

Samantha – we should consider how to store cleaning products. Any other suggestions on volunteer roles?

Albert – goes to the Farmers Market on Tuesdays and volunteered to check in
Imran – volunteers for Saturdays afternoons

Maebe – volunteers for Monday and Wednesdays

Sarah – will be involved as needed. Adds that Baller Hardware donated paint.

Samantha – brought up secondary storage issue along with the need to keep animals and pests out.

Imran – is it for perishable goods?

Samantha – secondary storage would be for pantry goods.

Sarah – notes that a bin could be placed next to the fridge.

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Maebe – suggested considering a cabinet which would be harder to take than a bin.

Sarah – notes that depending on size, there may be an issues because the ground is uneven.

Samantha – has a few recommendations: something that's not on the ground, something with a solid door or drawer that is easy to keep closed but not locked.

Albert – will reach out to others for recommendations.

Sarah – someone contributed \$50 that could be used towards bin.

Albert – do we have a Venmo set up? Is it protected from rain?

Maebe – knows people who are out-of-state who also wanted to donate; could we have someone designated to receive monetary donations?

Samantha – agrees it would be nice to set up a fund like that, but notes that it's a principle of mutual aid not to just contribute cash.

Sarah – doesn't mind acting as a recipient, but the point is to distribute. She has heard of money being raised to stock the fridges, but it wasn't an official account.

Samantha – to Albert's question about weather, the fridge is a little bit protected, but it could be improved. She brought a locking cover for the outlet, hoping that protects the cord from rain, and Sarah had also thought about how to protect the extension cord. About donating cash, rather than having a designated donation account, if people get questions about cash donations, just accept the donation yourself and use it to buy stuff to stock the fridge.

Maebe – thinks that's a good approach; anyone who's given money should use it as it's not in the spirit of mutual aid to take cash funds.

Sarah – brings up how people are really excited. Wants to get word out about using it. Worried that there are not enough people who know about it yet.

Recommends outreach to area schools, orgs like SELAH and Street Watch have been tagged but would love to help get the word out.

Maebe – agrees that it's crucial to reach out to orgs we work with, to engage with our unhoused neighbors, and all our community members

Albert – agrees to also help in getting the word out.

Sarah – fridge email is Silverlakefridge@gmail.com

Samantha – a lot of our service groups are on pause right now, so it is even more crucial to have this now. If anyone is up to visit an encampment that would be great.

Jane – SELAH Eagle Rock is still doing limited engagements, we can spread word about your fridge. There is also a fridge in Eagle Rock.

Samantha – any other notes or comments on the fridge?

Albert – sees signs near his apartment for other fridges.

Sarah – will send the flier out to the committee list.

Maebe – if the fridge is too full, what are our options? Should we take to other nearby fridge? Are we going to have guidelines about what to bring? Are we going to adhere strictly to expiration dates?

Sarah – personal opinion is expiration dates are not always accurate, but if it's not something you would feel comfortable eating, best to throw out.

Samantha – notes that expiration dates were one point of contention; recommends erring on the side of caution. We can also see if businesses around the fridge

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might accept compost. Any green bins can accept old produce; could just drop it in a nearby green bin (within reason).

Samantha – thanks Sarah, Maebe and everyone else for their great work.

Maebe – thinks we should keep this item on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

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.

Samantha – are there any orgs not mentioned before that we're missing?

Jane – asks about phone charging stations for unhoused people.

Samantha – doesn't know about any orgs for that but Street Watch power up table was doing charging. There is a potential to do a power strip at the fridge outlet, and maybe have a second outlet if people want to charge phones, but we need to check with our hosts.

Maebe – this is a great idea because lots of people have phones but nowhere to charge them, and even less access now.

Jane – thinks this fits in with NC elections, since we want unhoused people to be a part of the elections, but they need access to technology to be involved. Maybe we can reach out to DONE?

Samantha – thanks Jane for this good idea.

Albert – thinks DONE probably will not help, as they are not proactive.

Samantha – there is no leadership with DONE, we need to see what we can do to get them to change their strategy

Maebe – We had discussed with the governing board having a table once a month at the farmer's market but nothing really came of it, maybe we can reconsider that to host a Power Up table,

Imran – agrees that's a great idea

Albert – Farmer's Market is not accepting new vendors right now

Samantha – will keep this on the agenda for future meetings

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.

Introduced by Samantha, seconded by Albert

Samantha – this is brought from Street Watch. There are a lot of service issues due to the current COVID levels. No one feels safe going out at all right now.

Does anyone have any other suggestions on how we can still support unhoused people? Can also talk about this more at our next meeting.

E. (Girl) *Discussion and possible action* regarding creating a directory of volunteer opportunities with mutual aid and service organizations supporting the unhoused community

Introduced by Samantha, seconded by Maebe.

Maebe – thinks it will be great to create a simple directory – a lot of people like the idea of volunteering but don't know about volunteer opportunities. I would love to see it happen before the election, but if not it's not the end of the world.

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Samantha – even if it’s not something we manage as a committee, we can put a list together now.

Maebe – it doesn’t need to be super detailed

Albert – the website is not great right now. If we can make it simple and accessible, that would be a positive step.

Samantha – agrees and recommends sharing with our mailing list as a first step.

Imran – will make sure everything is posted on Facebook and Instagram

Albert –manages SLNC twitter and could share it there, it has sizable following.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maebe – Small Revolutions panel will happen on Feb. 11 at 6:30, anyone may attend.

Imran – wants to get involved.

7. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jane – CARE+ Sweeps motion by Raman and Bonin should get a CIS

Albert – would like a presentation from Street Watch

Samantha – possible issue given that this is a political group, but will check with our DONE rep, Jackie Kim.

Maebe – would like fridge motion carried over to next month

Samantha – Thinks that’s a good idea, and if possible wants to present the fridge to the full board.

Maebe – I’m curious to know what Jackie says about it

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:04pm

CARE+ CLEANUPS / COVID-19 CRISIS / HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS / CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) GUIDELINES (CF 21-0031)

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports this [Motion](#) which proposes to maintain public health and keep homeless encampments sanitary in the middle of a public health crisis. According to CDC guidelines, during the COVID -19 emergency, homeless encampments need to be kept clean, safe and sanitary. This Motion offers an alternative program to the one that exists now, one that is voluntary, removes trash and hazardous waste, and provides cleaning without the threat of removing tents or confiscation of individuals' belongings.

Silver Lake homeless encampments need a more satisfactory program of cleaning and trash pick up. In October 2019 before the COVID emergency encampments were subject to intrusive City sponsored CARE + cleanups, also called "sweeps" the CARE+ cleanups required camp residents to take down their tents, move all their belongings and relocate as sanitation crews removed trash and power-washed the sidewalks. The CARE + program was intrusive, traumatic, forced encampment residents to relocate, and in many cases confiscated people's belongings if they failed to comply.

When COVID emergency measures were put into place in March 2020, these clean-up programs were modified to keep unhoused residents in their tents, and not subjected to removal to prevent the spread of infection. This Motion proposes to take the existing emergency program one step further allowing all clean-ups to be voluntary, utilizing community partners and ambassadors to communicate trash pick up service, would be regularly scheduled like residential customers trash pick up, and well-publicized.

This Motion asks LA Sanitation to develop voluntary, service-based protocols to include:

- Compliance with CDC guidelines regarding public health encampments;
- Regular, scheduled and well-publicized cleanings;
- LASAN services would be offered such as trash pick-up, bulky item pick up etc;
- Designated areas where trash and waste can be placed for disposal and removal;
- Use of community partners and ambassadors to conduct outreach and facilitation;
- Provision of easy-ups or shade structures so people can temporarily relocate with their belongings during a cleaning;
- Provision, through LASAN or partner agencies, of mobile showers, bathrooms, COVID-testing, tent exchange and distribution food and water;
- Hiring of unhoused residents to keep areas tidy between LASAN cleanings;
- Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities;
- No use of law enforcement personnel during the cleaning operations.

SLNC Vote taken YES ____ NO ____ ABSTAIN ____

2025 HOMELESS HOUSING GOAL / 25,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS / HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM ANALYSIS (CF 21-0052)

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council supports this [Motion](#). Over 41,000 Angelenos ([based on 2020 LAHSA Homeless Count](#) pre-COVID) are living on the streets of Los Angeles without shelter. Therefore a multipronged approach is needed to provide homeless housing which incorporates a variety of strategies including building temporary housing, rapid rehousing individuals, and preventing people from falling into homelessness.

This Motion proposes to set a goal and timeline that everyone, the City, County, State and Federal partners, are working towards. The goal is to use financial and land resources to house people as quickly and creatively as possible, to develop a system that has the capacity to rehouse individuals who fall victim to homelessness, generate a mechanism that can place unhoused people into temporary housing, and then relocate into permanent housing in a timely manner.

In March 2020 LAHSA released its Homeless Services System Analysis and reported that the City would need to generate 45,941 total units consisting of temporary housing, transitional housing, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. Currently the City only maintains 24,539 units. The report was released before COVID, therefore most likely the number of housing units needed is much higher.

This Motion is requesting that the CLA and other City departments report back on necessary policies and the number of housing units of each type that need to be produced per year in order to achieve this goal of 25,000 units by 2025.

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council vote: YES ____ NO ____ ABSTAIN ____