

**Homeless Committee
of the NoHo Neighborhood Council**

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020, 6:40pm
 Committee Members: Peter Haderlein,
 Cheryl Tenbush, Joanna Stein, Paula Cantu,
 Lisa Kallman
 Alternate: Stephanie Jaeger
 Ex Officio Member: Paul Storale



Location: Entry of:
 St. Matthew's Church
 11031 Camarillo Street,
 North Hollywood, CA 91602

Minutes

ITEM	TIME	TOPIC	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1.	6:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to Order.***** 	P. Haderlein
2.	1 minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Roll Call. Peter Haderlein- Present Paula Cantu- Present Joanna Stein- Excused Lisa Kallman- Excused Cheryl Tenbush- Present 	P. Haderlein
3.	1 minute each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items. <p>NONE</p>	P. Haderlein
4.	Up to 10 minutes	<p>Presentation and Discussion: Updates on Initiatives Addressing Homelessness in Our Community</p> <p>PH- Last month in December we passed, out of the full board a motion to write a letter to the Los Angeles Department sanitation asking him for information about the implementation of the Care team (C.A.R.E.). The Care teams as a reminder is a new Department of Sanitation program that embeds Outreach workers with the cleanup teams that are sent to encampments where people are sleeping on the street, or in parks or overpasses. I've received anecdotal siting of a CARE team at the overpass by McDonald's, by Lankershim. I called the LA Sanitation Department and said that they would compile information on when and where the CARE teams have been deployed in NoHo. The explained to me that they get deployed based on a coordination between the LA Department of Sanitation and the City Council members office. Which was news to me because I didn't know how that was being arranged. But the way it was described is that representatives of the council members office meet with the Valley Department of Sanitation to coordinate and collaborate on where the CARE Teams are to be administered. But, the LA San. Rep did tell me that because they're strategy is to be more relational with iterative and repeated Natives involvements with the same individuals and neighborhoods, that we can expect the same in the CARE Team to return to North Hollywood. But he couldn't tell me when. So, I'm hoping that now that we have a line of communication open which was prompted by our letter, that will get continue to get more data insight into the success of that.</p> <p>The next thing I want an ounce is again, the Homeless Count is next Tuesday January 21st at 8 p.m., at the Senior Center in the park. The Homeless Count is annual count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority with a call for volunteers and thousands of people volunteer and they congregate at nodes all around the city and then go out in teams as they count the numbers of the person experiencing homelessness, from the safety of a vehicle. That count is used to inform local and state policy around how we should distribute the resources that we're using to address homelessness in different communities. North Hollywood still needs volunteers. And I think as of when I checked this afternoon, there are about 50 spots left to be filled. Again, that's next week at 8 p.m.</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>The last update is for our Community Impact Statement on the Viction Defense Fund otherwise known as the “Right to Counsel”, a City Ordinance proposed by Paul. Koretz on the City Council was approved and then I filed it immediately. So, that is in the system, I filled it last night, so we can mark that one off the list. I will open up to any other members of the committee to talk about updates. Okay, see no further updates all open it up to public comment. Do we have any public comments on it? And I'm for seeing no hands will move down to agenda item Number 5.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Up to 10 minutes</p>	<p>Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action: Coordinating with other NC Committees on Homelessness in the East Valley.</p> <p>PH- I put this on the agenda because I was recently in touch with members of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council who are starting their own version of a Homeless Committee, and they're having one of their first meetings this month. They invited me to speak and it's next week on my calendar, Thursday 22nd. And so, my plan is to go and ask what do you want to talk about? And I said what I think it would be really helpful for the East Valley Neighborhood Councils, especially those with Homeless Committees, committees on homelessness to coordinate further, to talk about ways that we can collaborate. I think that it would be worth discussing on this committee, what are some of the ideas that maybe I can bring to the Van Nuys NC next week. And then I also think it might be helpful to start inviting representatives to our meetings, either from the other NoHo sister NoHo council's, as well as Studio City with we've already had success collaborating with in the past. Especially on things like the informational pamphlets. So, I'll open it up for discussion. If either of you have some ideas on some things I can bring to Van Nuys.</p> <p>PC -Well, I think that would maybe we could try to partner with them with our outreach to the homeless. Maybe we could try to coordinate with other NC’s, whenever an action happens, in City Hall at City Council, we can coordinate with other Neighborhood Councils that each representative of a Neighborhood Council attends the meeting, to fight for or against whatever is being proposed. Especially if we submit a CIS letter, each neighborhood Council gets 5 minutes.</p> <p>PH- Yeah, that's a really good point that sometimes we miss out on, but once we file things like Community Impact Statements, it gives us toe hold at City Council hearings. Knowing who are your allies locally on an issue could give us more of a voice.</p> <p>PC- If we partner with two other NC’s, that would be 15 minutes that we could talk about either we are for or against.</p> <p>PH. It’s a bit piecemeal right now, because the only other way you would know is if you go on to the the city’s website, and you looked at what CIS have been filed and opened each one up, and tally them. There isn't a very good way to know where the wind is blowing on an issue, pretty much, unless you really dive into those letters and and make a tally yourself. It would be nice to be able to coordinate ahead of time, especially with the community impact statements. Okay, are there any further comments? Maybe I should just ready the other thing I mentioned to them, my own idea. Regional lobbying for new measure H, Triple H housing projects, that basically it is in line with the same thing. If we can advocate tandem.</p> <p>PC. Exacting if there is something that we are wanting to advocate for, we could reach out to other Neighborhood Councils, and ask them if they're doing the same thing and, yes we can work in tandem.</p> <p>PH- Well, I am going to the Van Nuys with other members of the community be willing to attend a meeting of another Neighborhood Council. I think that</p>	<p>P. Haderlein</p>

		<p>might actually be really helpful. Because none of us have time to do it all ourselves. So, we get all kind of report back. So maybe if I visited Van Nuys every one of you to visit one of the other NoHo Neighborhood Councils, see if they have a homeless committee and if not inquire why.</p> <p>Studio City, I know them fairly well. Kind of a known quantity to me, in terms of like how they operate and the people who were on the homeless committee. So, I don't think we need to reach out to them. I don't know if that would help us as much? But certainly, branching out to the other East Valley NC's would be great. I'm going to open this up to public comment now, I have one from Sam Woolf.</p> <p>SW- So I'm actually on the committee this week. A little bit of background- it's a committee very much in its infancy, they've only ever had two meetings. One of the things that we hope to understanding is what it took to form such a committee, and then also like how you build infrastructure and understanding in addition to partnership. And then also, just so you should know this is technically a Human Services committee, which was set up by the Empowerment Congress, Ridley Thomas years ago. Where it's not just focused on Homelessness, it also focuses on Mental Health and Human Trafficking. Think about it like the HR of the world. Dealing with the actual human responses, to crisis, such as how communities deal with trauma. How to best implant policies dealing with what people are going through on the street, not just homelessness. I have been to this committee 4 or 5 times, and it is very well run. You guys are very affective. Bring that kind of insight into this newer meeting would be really helpful. But that also exactly what you said about CIS' and how like I have gone through lists, and lists, you know, it's hard to navigate. In coordinating with this committee on what you guys are going to cover here, plus what they're going to cover there, so there can be a unified front is a great idea.</p> <p>PH- Thank you. Thank you for coming. I see no further public comments. We can move on to addenda item number 6.</p>	
6.	Up to 5 minutes	<p>Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Vote to appoint Sam Woolf as a Stakeholder Member of the NoHo NC Homeless Committee.</p> <p>PC- Motion CT- 2nd</p> <p>PH- Sam Woolf, who is her is the President of the Van Nuys NC, working in the mental health field and he is applying to join this committee as a stakeholder. I want to let Sam speak for himself, and he also has a public comment card submitted for this item. But for context, I would just remind our committee that if we decided to allow a stakeholder to join, it still has to go before the Board for a full vote. Even though it says "Vote to appoint", it's not binding. Okay, so I think it would be most useful now to have Sam present himself.</p> <p>SW- Hi everyone, I will be super brief. I've been coming to this meeting for 4 months now and you guys do amazing work. It's really a pleasure to be involved even as a stakeholder and not on the committee. To see the kind of action that you take involved with CIS, but then also with moving forward with outreach opportunities. It's really great. A little background on me, I run a nonprofit Mental Health Center in Van Nuys. We have roughly 300 some clients and provide services that run the gamut from connecting people to physical health services, like personal primary care physicians and optometrist, to running groups and running a food bank to feed over 1000 people. So, it's a big operation but it's a lot of fun and I really love my work. I think I can bring that into the homeless this world. I've done a lot of volunteering and Outreach in the homeless this world. I've actually gone into the Sepulveda basin giving out</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>tents, giving out water and granola bars. This is something that I am very passionate about. I'd love to be a part of this and I hope you'll have me.</p> <p>PH- Thank you, Sam. I have known Same personally for many years and I when I started on the journey of getting involved NC's, Sam started his parallel journey in his hometown of Van Nuys. Sam now lives in North Hollywood, I think that it would be a great Boon to our committee to have another person with his expertise and I think given his dedication to showing up, would make a fine addition. I want to open it up to the committee.</p> <p>PC- I think it's great. You've been here, 4 months in a row, you have a lot to offer and I think we'd be lucky to have you.</p> <p>CT- Agreed.</p> <p>PH- In that case, I think it might behoove us to take a vote. I see no further comments from the public. 3-0-0 Motion passes.</p> <p>PH- The next step Sam is that this will go before the full Neighbor Council board and I will work to have it agenized for February board meeting. Thank you. Thank you moving onto agenda item 7.</p>	
7.		<p>Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Request funding for up to \$1000 for 500 tote bags with the NoHo NC logo for local outreach purposes.</p> <p>TABLED</p>	
8.	Up to 5 minutes	<p>Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Committee to consider appointing a new Committee Chair for 2020.</p> <p>PH- I put this on here in deference to Stephanie, who set the precedent last year by stepping down as chairman of this Committee in January of 2019, with the rationale that it would be good to cycle in new blood for people who would like some experience leading one of these committees, or who felt particularly compelled to take on a leadership role, for a number of reasons to prevent the committee's sort of leadership from becoming to stagnant. I've served on the committee for full-year, I would continue to do it longer. I have the bandwidth, but I think that it's worth discussing. Because we can set the rules, and our own traditions. This committee is only a year-and-a-half old, and it's only ever had two chairs. So, one thing we could consider since we don't have the full complement of people here you could table this until we have more of us to discuss. I want to open it up to the two of you. Is this something that either he would be interested in being the chair this committee.</p> <p>PC- I'm already the chair of the Arts, Parks, and Beautification Committee, as well as the secretary of this committee, so I can't.</p> <p>PH- Let it be noted that I offered to give up my seat, I do enjoy this work. I do try to do my best and I will continue to do it but I think it's worth reminding the committee that the only rules are the ones we make. So, I'm open if somebody says, you know, I really wanted to Chair. I think I will periodically bring this up at this meeting. There's really no action taken here. We can discuss it again when the whole Committee in one place.</p> <p>SW- Have you ever seen your standing rules?</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>PH- The standing rules for...</p> <p>SW- for the board. If this doesn't have it here, it might be something that is worth adding.</p> <p>PH- Even if it's just a forced perfunctory vote that you took every year. I think procedurally, it makes a lot of sense.</p> <p>SW- Yeah, and I think giving someone the opportunity to be chair of a committee is a really wonderful thing. Even though it's a lot of work, it gives someone the opportunity to run for it or take part in being a chair is a different experience in the council than just being a participant. I actually really like the idea of the chair asking if anyone else would like to try this out.</p> <p>PH- Thank you Sam. I appreciate how Stephanie set precedent, and I'm not actually sure really how it operates on the other committees. It seems very ad hoc. So, I think it would be work double checking. I'll look into that and I might agenzize this one more time this winter when I feel like when I know we're going to have everybody present</p>	
9.	Up to 5 minutes	<p>Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action: Review and Adopt Previous Minutes</p> <p>PH- We have two "minutes" to considered today. If a member of the public would like to copy I have here. This is from last month, December and I also brought October which is much sparser. We're going to go back far back in October because I lost the original piece of paper from a combination of memory and a correspondence. But I believe that this is the to the best of my knowledge there an accurate representation of that meeting. We had a meeting start late in October at 7 p.m. Because we were accommodating the budget committee met in this room. My records indicate that Paula was present at the budget meeting, but not at the Homelessness Committee because of the meeting move. Stephanie mentioned that she would not be present. I have correspondence indicating that Lisa, Joanne and Cheryl said they would be there. I no longer have the record of the public comments that we had, but everything else everything else is right to me. We voted unanimously to draft a letter in support of the housing projects on Bachmann Avenue, then went to the full Neighborhood Council board meeting. We unanimously voted to organize a Thanksgiving donation drive, which Lisa ended up taking point on that was to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry that we wrapped up for December. I didn't have a draft of CIS to review. So, we tabled it, item 7. Then we took no formal action around joining about of organizing fall Cleanup in October because I decided to Maria the chair of the Outreach committee to are following meeting in November. And my records indicated based on when I upload minutes, so that's how I put that all together. Let's all take a few minutes to look.</p> <p>SW- Who did these minutes?</p> <p>PH- Paula</p> <p>SW- Very thorough.</p> <p>PH- This is approaching transcripts.</p> <p>PC- Yes, they kind of are because I am recording, so I transcribe.</p> <p>PH- I guess this would be in there too next month. Well, I would say that it is not required, but certainly appreciated for anybody who wants to look back and see what we talked about to know everything that was said.</p> <p>PC- I will do a few corrections of typos, and send it back to you as a word file.</p>	All

		<p>PH- So, I'm willing to vote on these now all in favor of adopting the previous meeting minutes from December and October 2019.</p> <p>3-0-0</p> <p>PH- So these minutes are approved. I will upload them to our website.</p>	
	7:20pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Adjourned 	

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