

**Homeless Committee
of the NoHo Neighborhood Council**

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020, 6:40pm
 Committee Members: Peter Haderlein,
 Cheryl Tenbush, Joanna Stein, Paula Cantu,
 Lisa Kallman
 Alternate: Stephanie Jaeger
 Ex Officio Member: Paul Storiato



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- Present • Cheryl Tenbush- Present 	P. Haderlein
3.	1 minute each	<p>Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.</p> <p>Shareholder- Please introduce yourselves to people who haven't been her before.</p> <p>PH- North Hollywood Neighborhood Council is a subcommittee, we meet the third Tuesday night here and our purview is Issues related to homelessness in our area and we are all volunteers who has been elected either by this District or appointed by the board. My name is Peter Haderlein and we can go oaround the table.</p> <p>PC- My name is Paula Cantu and I am the Secretary.</p> <p>LK- My name is Lisa Kallman</p> <p>PH- I serve as the chair.</p> <p>Shareholder- Thank you</p>	P. Haderlein
4.	Up to 10 minutes	<p>Presentation and Discussion: Updates on Initiatives Addressing Homelessness in Our Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming meeting with the Office of Paul Krekorian to discuss CARE Team deployment <p>PH- Let's move on to agenda item #4 presentation in discussion updates on initiatives addressing homelessness in our community. For those two previous meetings, I include this on every agenda as a catch all for members of the committee to provide updates and snippets on previous agenda items or projects in the works. Maybe we've heard back from somebody that somebody had previously taken as an action item to contact and we have an update on something that we voted on in the past. Sometimes we share news items and it's the broader scope. We have an opportunity for members of this committee to meet with the office of our city council member Paul Krekorian's to discuss the CARE team deployments. If you are following the news you've been to previous Council meetings, you'll know that the LA Department of Sanitation has instantiated a new program called the CARE teams, which are supposed to be a cross between Outreach Support Services to person experiencing homelessness as well as Street Clean Up services. The idea was to imbed sanitation workers that are normally called upon to clean up street encampments</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>with Outreach workers who could connect persons living in those enchantments with services. There has been debate, but now there is sort of an embedded like light police presence as well. The rollout of this program occurred in October and it has been met with criticism by both Advocates and City officials at like, mostly because there is a lack of transparency and how the program is being implemented. The City will tell you that your team's not doing enough to actually clean up encampments, with Advocates will tell you that they're not doing enough to provide services. One of those things where it's been kind of a messy rollout. We passed a motion to send a letter to our city council member asking. Hey, what's going on with the care teams? Can you give us any information on their deployment, success, how many times have they met with people living in North Hollywood? We've received anecdotal feedback from members of the community that they'd seen Care teams at the overpass on Lankershim. The response from Department of Sanitation was talk to your city council member, city council member said talk to the Dept. of Sanitation. We've now all the sudden to meet the three groups sanitation Council and a member of this committee the end of this month on February 26th. Stephanie, who is not present but who is the previous chair of this committee, as well as a member of the full board will be going in my stead. I think that it would be worth mentioning that to the committee in case they have any comments or questions, they would like you to ask or would like Stephanie to ask Council Member Krekorian. And then opening up public comment after we have a discussion you can also opine. In terms of other initiatives. I know that we have more homeless liaison opportunities that Paula and I are being invited to, I just got those emails from Alfonso today. We have the update on the fliers, I have a final printing edit. So, we're going to get more of those printed the delay was due to not hearing back from Studio City for over many months. The representatives who held the original document that we needed to provide updates to. For context, that Services brochure is a informational pamphlet that counsels to have a list of services, hotlines and other information also segmented by day of the week. Those are all of my updates, anyone else?</p> <p>PC- For the only thing that I have, I am scheduled on number 7, so that's all I have.</p> <p>PH- Any public are there any public comments on things that we discussed in this agenda item #4. See no hands.</p>	
5.	Up to 10 minutes	<p>Presentation and Discussion: A representative from the United Way will provide information regarding the “Everyone In” campaign and a series of public workshops: “Understanding the Homeless Crisis”, to be conducted February 19 and March 11, 2020 in NoHo.</p> <p>PH- We have Enrique Velasquez.</p> <p>EV- I am Enrique Velasquez I am working with United Way “Everyone In” campaign. I am one of the 103 organizers in San Fernando Valley, you know. I am an advocate for Housing of renters, low-income renters in the city of LA, I do my best to help people who have been abused by landlords, and against massive evictions due to gentrification. The campaign is about building housing for the in-house population of the city of today. So, what we do is we go and build support for potential sites to build permanent Supportive Housing for the chronically homeless population in the city of LA. If it's something you guys don't understand because I know he's turned his staff and sometimes you know. So, the way the way we build support for potential sites to build permanent Supportive Housing is by coming to do presentations night like this and to people like you that may have an interest in making a difference by supporting these projects. We go to hearings, talk to elected officials, or going to Neighborhood Council’s or city hall to support specific sites. We also do</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>presentations with organizations who want to learn more about the campaign. The campaign is a two-year-old campaign and we have been very successful. I want to say in terms of helping developers either for profit or non for profit to build. I have information that whoever is interested. Please take. Tomorrow, we have a more detailed presentation starts at 6:30, here in the fireside room. We're going to have a PowerPoint presentation showing the statistics of specific sites. Thank you so much. I am open for questions.</p> <p>PH- Does the committee have any questions? Then I will open it up for public comment. I have one. I just wanted to confirm that the March 11th presentation is also Fireside room.</p> <p>EV- Yes.</p> <p>PH I have known Enrique because he has come to some of our meetings, as well as he has worked with the NOHO Home Alliance. So, I know that members from Enrique's group go to a lot of different public meetings all over the city. Maybe you could talk a bit about what are the sort of policy procedural success stories that you've seen in the past year-and-a-half to two years of the campaign. Where do you see like the major roadblocks?</p> <p>EV- One of the issues is red tape, which means that the process to build takes a long time, years. Somebody comes with an idea, a piece of land and starts the conversation about this, there are people that do not want to see this type of housing in their community. That has been a challenge. The other challenges is funding, you know, even though proposition H and Triple H was approved, and that was a chunk of change to build these things, all the money has already been spent. Many people have been saying okay. Well so that money has been used. Where are the units? 18, 19 or 20 units are going to open doors this year because it took a little while, you know to actually build these things. The first one was open this past month. We are trying to ID you no more funding to continue building this type of products because the unhoused population has grown, for many reasons. we need to keep going and doing this thing.</p> <p>Share Holder- There are 600k people who are on the brink of homelessness. It seems like that kind of population who was housed and then loses their home is very receptive to Services, where there is a portion of the homeless population that is not as receptive to serve. We were talking about The CARE program that goes out and I'm just wondering if that program is having trouble with people being receptive to the services that are being offered.</p> <p>PH- So just because we have more people now and I do really appreciate it. If you wouldn't mind just filling out your name like it's a public comment. That's really helpful just for my records. Thank you very much. You know. We do have members of the community who are not as receptive to services when they are offered. But we also find that the services are very hard to distribute for a lot of logistical reasons. You know, you might go talk to somebody in one location, if you are a service worker or caseworker, you might have trouble following up because they've moved to a new location. For example, and you also have a system where we have a coordinated entry system where we try to assign people experiencing homelessness to case workers working for say on LA County housing or to LASAH. But if there's no place to house then they end up being on long waiting list even things like Section 8 vouchers. I've heard the waiting list is now in the order of over five years just to get a Section 8 Housing Voucher. You might say hey, I would like to provide you with services and get you on the list. But if they've lost documents if they don't have them they have to go do that bureaucracy of getting a new ID, to getting new Medicaid documents. So, there are a lot of reasons why it's just hard to deliver the services that we need to not just because of the things that Enrique talked about</p>	
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6.	Up to 5 minutes	<p>Presentation and Discussion: Results and information from the January 29 meeting of the Homelessness Liaisons at LA City Hall.</p> <p>PH- Moving on- One of our board members has to leave a little early. I would like to take two agenda items 6 and 7 and swap. There's no objection. Paula is one of our Homelessness Liaison, and they had a meeting on January 29th.</p> <p>PC- I have handouts, and if anyone want to look at them, they will be up here. This was a Homelessness Liaison Committee Structure meeting that is initially a group of the Liaisons getting together and finding out which Subcommittee we want to be on. So, I chose to be on the policy committee because I feel like that's the best way to implement changes through policy. I think the next meeting is going to be March 29th. They had a representative from the mayor's office, Jayantha Daniel. She's executive officer for Eric Garcetti's homelessness initiatives. She gave us an update on what was going on in her Department. Also, there's a task force contact sheet here and all of this information is also online as well. They gave us information on how to create and submit a</p>	Paula Cantu

		<p>community impact statement. Because if there's something that the public wants to make a statement about, you can always contact one of our subcommittees and ask to speak if there's something really pressing in your area or in your neighborhood that you want addressed. Or, if here's something going on that you are feel like you're for or against we can you can come to our meetings and speak for a minute to that affect and also. So, it was basically just getting together, forming the subcommittees and then all of the information on the subcommittees are here on what they are doing? Yes, that's it.</p> <p>PH- Thank you and going to City Hall, I know that is no small trek. I will I will say that the community impact statement is probably one of the most powerful tools at the disposal of neighborhood councils. When you consider that one gets speaking time at City at City Council meetings on the ion the items submitted in an opinion, but it also provides sort of direct policy. Advocacy forum for neighborhood councils and our committee has unanimously multiple times then for and against city council files that we've been brought to the neighborhood Council board and then put it on there. Then if those Community impact statements get voted on by the full board after they come out of committee basically a letter is drafted in file to the city clerk's office, and links to that city council file. So, an example recently was the proposal by the city council to ban sleeping on sidewalks within certain feet of parks and schools. We voted that that Proposal with too broad and we were one of my neighbor councils that had an opinion and all that was sort of collated by the city council when they make their decision. So, if you see a city council motion and, on the back, here, you know, their search stores that there's 22 records related to homelessness, that you as a member of the public can bring to this committee in person, and say I want you to take an opinion on this city council motion. I think that you should write a letter saying you're for it or against it at that we've received those types of suggestions from the public members of the public through.</p> <p>PC. And one more thing that I just want to add that. I do believe that when you do write a CIS and the city council is meeting on it, when you go to the meeting and you put your name down to speak, I believe you get 5 minutes to speak on the item. There is usually only a minute, but then you get 5 minutes.</p> <p>PH- Are there any other comments by members of the board Committee or Public? Moving on, I know you have to go Paula so we still have a quorum.</p>	
7.		<p>Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action: Committee to consider a Neighborhood Purpose Grant Application from the North Hollywood Public Library for \$2500 to fund food, drinks, and hygiene kits for attendees of the Source Program, a once-a-month event designed to connect those individuals experiencing homelessness with the resources they need.</p> <p>PH- Item #6 presentation discussion and this time possible action committee to consider a neighborhood purpose Grant application from the North Hollywood public library for \$2,500 to find food drinks and hygiene kits for attendees of the source program a once-a-month event design to connect those individuals experiencing homelessness with the resources they need and we have a representative from there. From the NOHO Public Library Brian Cunningham is here. Thank you Brian. I printed out copies of your application to view a summary of what you're asking for.</p> <p>Paula Left at 7:10 PM</p>	Brian Cunningham

		Brian Cunningham Presented Motion LK; 2 nd : CT VOTE: 3-0-0 PASSED, Referred request to Full Board	
8.	Up to 5 minutes	Committee Announcements	P. Haderlein
	7:20pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Adjourned 	

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