

**Homeless Committee
of the NoHo Neighborhood Council**



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Tuesday, May 19th, 2020, 6:40pm
Committee Members: Peter Haderlein,
Cheryl Tenbush, Joanna Stein, Paula Cantu, Lisa Kallman
Alternate: Alternate: Sam Woolf
Ex Officio Member: Paul Storale



Minutes

ITEM	TIME	TOPIC	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1.	6:30	<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- Present • Lisa Kallman- Present • Cheryl Tenbush- Present • Sam Wolf- Present 	P. Haderlein
3.	1 minute each	<p>Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.</p> <p>Thomas Golden- Currently running as a candidate for the Congressional District number 29. Living happily living here in the San Fernando Valley for years. As you know, homeless is definitely a local problem as I have it two blocks away from my current home and it's definitely a problem. We have to get our arms around it and take care of these people.</p> <p>Matthew Fine- Homelessness is out of control. Before COVID, the problem is out of control. NOHO NC, needs to address.</p> <p>Rudy Melendez- Concerned about homeless encampments in the community here adjacent to the NoHo boundary specifically to where he lives in I live in Studio City boundary specifically at Riverside, Camarillo and Tujunga. There's been no effort really to provide even the most basic services for this encampment, like hand-washing stations are portable restrooms where we typically see those in some other cases. We really need you guys to advocate for Public Works to get out there and clean that area. No one's advocating. Nobody wants the encampments to be swept away. They just want the trash and the rubbish and things like that properly disposed of and it's out of control.</p>	P. Haderlein
4.	Up to 10 minutes	<p>Presentation and Discussion: Updates on Initiatives Addressing Homelessness in Our Community</p> <p>PH- A shelter in East Valley that serves the homeless population will gain their new navigation center serves as a first stop for people experiencing homelessness to get the access to services that has access to showers clean clothes storage bins laundry and case managers. 85 bed shelter opening in North Hollywood on Rainer Street set to open in June also operated by over the valley and it's a bridge housing facility. NoHo Senior Center/Rec Center has been converted to a temporary shelter the site provides access to medical staff person with storage showers three meals a day and there are 55 beds or cots with blankets. LAHSA Satiation Stations set up in North Hollywood by the 101 and the 134. LA sanitation has partnered with the YMCA to provide additional hygiene facilities to unsheltered Angelina's and North Hollywood and far into the East Valley. LA has been ordered to immediately provide shelter for the thousands of residents sleeping under overpasses and judge. Carter is the same</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>guy who took a tour of Skid Row 2 during the class action lawsuits with the city.</p> <p>SW: Do you know how heavily utilized the NoHo temporary shelter is the one of the senior center? Have you heard any reports or anything?</p> <p>PH: No</p> <p>SW: Used a hand washing station and everything worked except no paper towels.</p> <p>Rudy Melendez- Judge Carter's ruling which is supposed to take effect next or this Friday and it's in some fortunate that's taken a district judge to point out to our city councilor, our mayor and other LA County bureaucrats that almost living under freeways along freeways alongside freeways unhealthy unsafe option for these people. Sam also mentioned that when you visited a hand washing station that there was water no towels that's been an issue almost all these locations including which it was reported that judge Carter noticed in Skid Row the city can't even do the basic. If you as a neighborhood Council and neighborhood Council committee can't hold our city councilor accountable for this that I don't expect this situation to improve and you really your minute is up and I appreciate the comment.</p>	
5.	Up to 10 minutes	<p>Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action: Committee to organize donation drive to benefit local food banks during the pandemic.</p> <p>PH- Due to the demand for grocery items, especially with the hoarding that occurred during the beginning of the stay at home orders were issued in March. There are multiple food banks operating in North Hollywood in our region. There's a North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. No Home Alliance is out of steam at Stanford Church on Camarillo Street and also st. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church runs a food pantry they over there.</p> <p>SW- Hand sanitizers are really important.</p> <p>PC- Suggested to partner with a food bank for and for the NoHo NC to rally around an existing Food Bank.</p> <p>PH- Will reach out to various food banks to see who to partner with. Perhaps we need to amend item # 5.</p> <p>PC- Motion</p> <p>JS- Seconds PH- Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action: Committee to partner with a local food bank, and host a donation drive event during the pandemic.</p> <p>Yes- 5 No- 0 Ab- 0</p> <p>Rudy Melendez- I can speak to this pretty well. I've been volunteering for the last few weeks at the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry and it's well-run, very professional and been around for a long time. I would encourage you to go over there and volunteers to can see how they do. It's really streamlines. I won't get into all the details. Also, with the North Hollywood Alliance right now currently there's they're just accepting clothing and the requesting all the clothing to get out to the book Lima administrative offices. They're open from 8 a.m. To 8 p.m. Seven days a week and then you might also consider looking at the LA Daily News here this week. I think was yesterday maybe Sunday. There was an article about all the volunteer opportunities in the San Fernando Valley.</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>Motion- PC Second- LK Yes- 5 No- 0 Ab- 0</p>	
6.	Up to 5 minutes	<p>Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Committee to draft a community impact statement requesting additional outreach and services funding for persons experiencing homelessness in CD 2.</p> <p>PH- The district is developing to bridge home shelters on River Street and Van Nuys Boulevard as well as a navigation Center on Sherman Way. In addition over 200 units of prop Triple H Supportive Housing units are anticipated to open over the next couple years while these facilities will be instrumental in empowering residents more needs to be done to meet the Urgent needs of those on the streets, Including enrolling systems in the people in the coordinated entry system providing connection to Services shelter, you require multidisciplinary teams to provide this assistance and specialized. Such as mental health, substance abuse and case management. the direct ask as a complement to these efforts to assist unsheltered residents in the East San Fernando Valley \$450,000 of the state's homeless housing assistance and prevention program. Grant funds shall be used to fund an MDT team that's multidisciplinary team that connects homeless residents and Council District to the Housing Shelter and services currently. The history of this motion is that it has not yet been taken up by Council. And so, the motion is a request for \$450,000 from from the city to conduct Outreach and assistance and CD2. I think this fall under our purview to consider it and I would highly suggest that we voice our support so that the city knows what he needs to prioritize its budget.</p> <p>PS- Question with this money that they're requesting, is this coming out of any of the money from taxpayers that are paying for the was the HHH or am I wrong?</p> <p>PH- It coming from the money that's been designated for the its state money that is from the homeless housing assistance.</p> <p>Rudy Melendez- I would support this neighborhood Council committee advocate for any additional funding they can get from the state. pantries Instagram account to your your Instagram account eyes left Barber Javits his contact number you she's the executive director of the Interfaith Food Pantry. She would be happy to have volunteers and can really show you how to coordinate your efforts and then I sent the link to the LA Times news article, which has a lot of other good information about other ways your committee and your stakeholders can volunteer at this time, and you'll find it in the message direct messages on your Instagram account.</p> <p>Motion- PC Second- JS YES- 5 No- 0 Ab-0</p>	P. Haderlein
7.		<p>Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Committee to draft a community impact statement in support of City Council File 20-0488, requesting action and updates on PROJECT ROOMKEY</p> <p>PH- Context for members of the public project room key is the new Statewide program begun by if it has to cover the Newsome to find an immediate</p>	Brian Cunningham

		<p>temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness realizing hotel rooms. And the goal was to house 15,000 people as soon as possible just using hotel rooms and. This program has rolled out rather slow.</p> <p>SW- Something to add to the CIS. I've heard complaints that a lot of the hotels that they're using are not actually in locations that have densely populated homeless communities. So maybe something about trying to get locations that are already close to Skid Row or closer to where there are large hubs of people living so that people aren't entirely displaced during this time</p> <p>PC- I am I'm totally for this. I think it's abhorrent that were in a situation right now where people have the ability to have a place to sleep and take a shower especially during a pandemic that were not utilizing that and I think we need to get on to our legislators to do this.</p> <p>Matthew Fine- I heard on Fox 11 today that LA County its success, but in rest of the state, it's not.</p> <p>Rudy Melendez- I appreciate your comments here. I've been following this program. You described it very, well. I am curious to learn what hotels if any in North Hollywood are being used how many beds so forth. I find very surprising that for all the Hotel Beds we have in this city that this program is not working better than it is. And I know the other stakeholder mentioned that LA is doing a good job, but I would you know take that with a grain of salt. Until we see some actual numbers statistics of how many beds are being used in La particularly North Hollywood. How many hotels are available? I'm skeptical of the results here in Los Angeles.</p> <p>SW – Left at 7:22</p> <p>Motion-LK Second-CT YES- 5 No- 0 Ab-0</p>	
8.	Up to 5 minutes	<p>Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action: Review and adopt previous meeting minutes.</p> <p>Motion-JS Second-PC YES- 4 No- 0 Ab-1</p>	P. Haderlein
	7:33pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Adjourned 	

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