

**Homeless Committee  
of the NoHo Neighborhood Council**



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Tuesday, June 16th, 2020, 6:30pm  
Committee Members: Peter Haderlein,  
Cheryl Tenbush, Joanna Stein, Paula Cantu, Lisa Kallman  
Alternate: Alternate: Sam Woolf  
Ex Officio Member: Paul Storiato



**Minutes**

ITEM	TIME	TOPIC	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1.	6:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> </ul>	P. Haderlein
2.	1 minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Roll Call.</li> <li>• Peter Haderlein- Present</li> <li>• Paula Cantu- Present</li> <li>• Joanna Stein- Present</li> <li>• Lisa Kallman- Present</li> <li>• Cheryl Tenbush- Present</li> <li>• Sam Wolf- Excused</li> </ul>	Paula Cantu
3.	1 minute each	<p>Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.</p> <p>Matt Fine- Homelessness is a big issue. Did talk to Morgan at Krekorian's office to find out what can be done. Wants to put the homeless in empty house and it would create jobs. Wants to see more help from the city because it's a disaster.</p> <p>Thomas Golden- There are in Camp right beside an unfinished building that is three stories of an unfinished building. It could be a major bonfire. Mayor Garcetti has a new fire enforcement ordinance that lets the cops remove people from high-risk area and with the summer coming upon us, it's going to come hotter and drier. This location is going to be a become a very high-risk area for a fire and I. The sooner we move these people the better.</p> <p>Jennifer Halligan- I'm an elementary school teacher. I live in North Hollywood and then wanted to say versatile. I'm thank you all for choosing to serve our community. Please support the peoples budget and defund the police.</p> <p>Grace Turk- I am also calling to urge you to advocate for a proposed budget and the city council. I want you guys to Advocate on behalf of the residents of North Hollywood, People's Budget and the steps that they took today in the motion for non-emergency calls to be responded to by workers in an honorable way without guns. We appreciate that but we want to make sure that the funding for that comes directly from the LAPD budget. We want Social Services. We want health care. We want mental health care resources for people experiencing homelessness, and we want to make sure that comes out of the police budget.</p> <p>Xavier- Thank you so much for allowing me to speak I have I'm 30 years old. I was born and raised in North Hollywood and I'm still here and I don't plan on going anywhere. So thank you guys for being on board with us. And you know, we look forward to try everything you guys are going to do to benefit the city. I do want to raise my concern in homelessness, though. I used to have an uncle who was homeless, and it was by choice, and it was unfortunate for the last part of his life. The last five years, I've seen so much more homelessness than I have ever seen my whole life here. And I know that it takes an army to try to fix this issue. But what can I do to help you guys also raise this like what kind of steps does a community who is not a part of the board. What can I do to try to</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>help you guys fix this because I know it's an issue and I know it takes a lot more people and I don't want to just depend on you guys. I also want to be active and do it</p> <p>Rudy Melendez- Thank you Peter and good evening committee members. - I'm calling in as a stakeholder. I just wanted to find out if your committee is documenting how often we see LA County Social Services with their Outreach teams in and around North Hollywood, or what type of works is committee doing to confirm that the counties actually visiting the encampments throughout North Hollywood. Thank you very much for your time.</p> <p>Kayla- Support People's Budget LA and advocate for North Hollywood.</p>	
4.	Up to 10 minutes	<p>Presentation and Discussion: Updates on Initiatives Addressing Homelessness in Our Community</p> <p>PH- We took as an action item to reach out to our local food banks in the Southeast Valley particularly in North Hollywood. The food banks have been inundated with to manage during the covid-19 pandemic the students in our area serves a lot of our neighbors experiencing homelessness. I made a donation of those / an action items donated bags to Matthews Lutheran Church. So those are my two updates from previous action items and also of note the community impact statements.</p> <p>Nick- You previously written one written and filed one in support of vacancy tax. I just wanted to give an update that that's being explored by the city council like a motion to explore that passed unanimously today in the city of in the city council meeting. It helps for anybody else listening and for other members of the public? Community impact statements actually do make an impact. I'm done.</p> <p>PC - We can organize around that organization and plan a day where we they can just pull up NoHo Interfaith and we can as a Committee Volunteer that day to do it to be there because that's what we did at the at the LSSC food pantry.</p> <p>Regina Ferguson. 0And again, thank you all for doing this for our community. I want to see if there's any way that you could formally post the drive for the first church. It was a little bit spotty. I didn't get to hear the location of the church and when they're doing the drive, so if you guys could just make that information readily available. And then also I just had a question regarding there's been trash issues. Cartwright and Denny Avenue if we could somehow make that information available to call in to get the city to clean that up.</p>	P. Haderlein
5.	Up to 10 minutes	<p>Presentation and Discussion: The Results of the 2020 LAHSA Homeless Count were released on June 12. They indicate that homelessness in Los Angeles (City) increased by 14% since 2019.</p> <p>PH- Presented Report</p> <p>PC- So the thing that stuck out to me the most is that. In order to afford a one-bedroom apartment one has to make forty dollars and some odd cents an hour three times the minimum wage. This is just what I feel I feel like this is a deeper systemic problem one that is beyond a homeless committee. I mean we can only do so much like we can only you know advocate for home homeless. Advocate for more housing have the ear of our city Representatives. But to me this seems like a bigger problem that people either need to make more money or housing costs need to come down because the pay of across the United States has an increased in like 20 years. It's what</p>	P. Haderlein

increased like 3% So. At this point like after reading those numbers like I'm kind of at a loss as to what we can do as a small committee.

PH- Who are really trying to do some soul-searching unions because the numbers are shrinking and it's okay to feel overwhelmed. I do think that in aggregate if it's smaller groups like this Likens neighborhood councils can continue to push for additional funding priorities for affordable housing and for City Services that that does help. I do think that having local groups engage to support the construction of those facilities is really helpful that is certainly something that has slowed down there that they're building another person the neighborhood protests against housing loans in communities.

PC- I just want to add one more thing to that too. And I am one of those people that pays more than 25. I pay 50 percent of my salary. Well, I'm on furlough now so I pay more than 50% of my unemployment. I am in that group of people that pays more than fifty percent and I'm one paycheck away from losing my house.

CT- I just wanted to piggyback on what Paula is saying. people and the neighborhood that is paying more than that percentage and runs and I had to move during the pandemic because I couldn't afford the apartment that I was living in and the landlords wouldn't consider it in a rent-controlled building, and the landlords wouldn't consider me a viable candidate for the apartment building because I couldn't prove that. I was working. They made me pay a full year and rent in advance. So, I was lucky enough to have that money saved but there's something systemically wrong.

PH- That's a really good point here and our committee has over the past year filed a couple communion that students and support group of tenants' rights in particular the funding for eviction the eviction defense Protection Program where the city would set aside funds to provide legal counsel for persons who can't afford it facing eviction proceedings and we can continue to advocate for renters' rights. City council and that's within the purview of our committee if there's a motion to take that on and maybe we should make that more of our Focus over the over the coming year.

Rudy Melendez- So just a couple of comments and I thought you did a very good job of explaining the report. Thank you very much. Obviously, it's very disappointing. I just have a couple comments. I think it's unusual that both the LA Times and the Los Angeles Daily News reported these figures Friday night at midnight. It's pretty clear that they are suppressing this information. I'm also disappointed that LAHSA hasn't been able to process which communities have which numbers are homeless that have plenty of time to extrapolate the data to give us the numbers. They have given us and they should be able to break it down by Community. It's clear that they are embarrassed and our city counselor should be embarrassed, too. Yes affordable. Housing is a component of this issue, but it's not the only component and we discussed really need just more shelters space and I don't know why the city and county are dragging their feet to build more shelter space. We have a ruling by judge Carter who intends to hold the city and county accountable and I'm also curious to know. When do we think the North Hollywood Rec Center will be open to the public again. Anyhow, thank you for your report Peter. I do appreciate the work you all are doing. Thank you very much.

6.	Up to 5 minutes	<p>Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Committee to draft a statement in support of the People’s Budget LA, requesting that funds earmarked for the LAPD for fiscal year 2020/2021 be diverted to programs in support of persons experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles.</p> <p>PH- I have a lot to say on this. I have some things I want to present and a little bit up to members of the committee. And then I'm open it up to members of the public and I'll start by saying that I don't think I've ever received in the short time that I've been doing this an amount of Engagement and comments to me personally outside of the meeting over email on any issue. Attendance and I want to thank our members of the community for being so involved. I myself as a community member and as a person and as an American was shocked and horrified of nerves or swelling in the images of police brutality. And I think that it's incumbent Upon Our Community to take up this issue and not least of which because it's what our constituents want us to discuss and to talk about. I think that the issue of what a city should spend its money on dovetails with how our city has responded to homelessness. And also, with how the LAPD has conducted itself and operated and I think that what I'd like to talk about is particular thread that has resulted for those who are not aware and in called by Angelinos and activists, and the black lives matter movement. To reallocate funding earmarks of a LAPD to programs that support Social Services. And so when we look at something like the people's budget proposal which calls for diverting funds earmarked for the LAPD to Social Services. I think that's something that our community could definitely support because if we're operating under the set of facts that we've laid out both in this agenda item in previously. That Black Angelinos are predominantly over-policed that were asking our police officers to do things they aren't trained for. Such as responding to note mental health emergencies that we've enhanced the scope of LAPD operations particularly in the last few years by having them be the point of law enforcement point of contact law enforcement and our Transit Agency. One thing that I would suggest is that share is that as an option we could amend this agenda item to refer explicitly to its members are in favor the council file for the council city council motion from this week. We could decide to vote on the agenda as much as I've written. Or we can decide to do something else. I'm going to open it up to the members of the committee talked about that's what you want to add to what I said and ready want this discussion you go and I'll open it up to public.</p> <p>PC- I'm fully in support of the people of the people's budget. I'm fully in support of us writing a draft in support of the people's budget, and harkens back to like this is a systemic problem. We know the police were started in the very beginning of this country to police black and brown bodies slave hunters and going back to the frontier days with the calvary to protect the settlers from Indians from natives. So again, it's a systemic problem and but I fully support us diverting funds from the police to the people.</p> <p>CT- I just want to thank you for presenting This research the way you did. It's a very enlightening and it's an interesting way for the homeless committee to get involved. So I think we should follow through with the things you proposed.</p> <p>Nick- Hi. Yeah, I just want to voice my support of this so many so many services or we rely on the LAPD for so many services that we shouldn't I It's seems like a no-brainer especially after that presentation yesterday from black lives matter La that was it's so obvious and I just want to thank you for advocating for this. It's rare for me to feel like I'm actually being represented by</p>	P. Haderlein

		<p>my representatives and this Council specifically this committee. I feel like that regularly, so I just want to thank you for that.</p> <p>Amendment I make the decision Community Community impact statement in support of counsel file 20-0692</p> <p>Motion- CT Second- LK YES- 5 No- 0 Ab-0</p>	
7.		<p>Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: Committee to draft a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 20-0643, which calls for LAHSA and the City of Los Angeles to implement a “scattered-site” permanent supportive housing program that utilizes underused or unused privately owned residences.</p> <p>Motion-LK Second-CT YES- 5 No- 0 Ab-0</p>	P. Haderlein
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"> <li>Meeting Adjourned</li> </ul>	

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