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Joint meeting of Homelessness Committee and Board of Directors – Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday 2/22/22

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting 88385791629

Contact: Frank.Murphy@VeniceNC.org

1. Approximately 7:00 pm – Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Frank Murphy (chair)	✓	Jody Mortimer	✓
Brian Ulf	✓		
Colette Bailey	✓		
Pat Raphael	✓		
Liz Wright	✓		
Vicki Halliday	✓	Jim Murez (ex-officio)	✓
Stan Muhammad	✓		

Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from January 25, 2022 meeting.

Colette Bailey		Y		
Vicki Halliday	S	Y		
Jodi Mortimer		Y		
Frank Murphy (chair)		Y		
Stan Muhammed		Y		
Pat Raphael		Y		
Brian Ulf	M	Y		
Liz Wright		Y		

Y=yes, N=no, A=abstain (8,0,0)

3. Chair Report.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agenda items related to Homelessness Committee only.

5. Homeless Round Table – A panel of current or recent homeless people focusing on their story and their concerns, needs and wants when homeless. Presentation (20 minutes). Committee Q&A (15 minutes).

None of the hoped-for attendees were able to attend.

- 6. Public comment on Homeless Round Table presentation. 1 minute.
- 7. Presentation by Tristen Marler, from Councilman Mike Bonin’s office serving as a Constituent Advocate, helping deliver city services in Venice. Introduction by Vicki Halliday. Presentation followed by Committee Q&A.
 The presentation included a review of landmark cases which have superseded Municipal Code on subjects related to homelessness. Also, statistics were given:
 - 63,706 and 41,290 homeless in Los Angeles County and Los Angeles City respectively in the 2020 count. (Because of the pandemic, no count was made in 2021.)
 - Each day, more people are becoming unhoused than are being housed.

Tristan Marler's associate, Geoff Thompson, Councilman Bonin's liaison to Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), provided meeting participants with a clear explanation of why LAWA's vacant land with utility hookups cannot be used to provide shelters or housing for people without homes. It was explained that after much negotiating with LAWA and the FAA, a portion of a large parking lot has recently been designated as a *Safe Parking Site*. This will be a protected area available for overnight parking for individuals who are living in their automobiles.
- 8. Public comment and questions on Tristen Marler presentation. 1 minute.

NEW Business

10. Items for discussion and Possible Action – Motion

Motion

Submitted by Elizabeth Wright

Homelessness is a worldwide problem that is affecting all populations in varying degrees. Believing that a united effort will be more effective than a divided one,

Motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council shall offer to work with the Westchester Neighborhood Council and Councilperson Bonin's office toward providing housing for those without shelter within our combined areas. This motion, if approved shall be forwarded to WRAC.

Withdrawn because Bylaws clearly state that working with the other neighborhood councils is something to be done as a normal course of action.

Motion

Submitted by VNC Board for Homelessness Committee reconsideration,

MOTION OF THE AD HOC HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TO APPROVE AND SEND MEMO RE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND SUPPORTING EXHIBITS TO COUNCILMAN BONIN AND OTHERS

The Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council (“the Committee”) has read, received public comment, discussed and approved the Memo entitled: “Remove Homeless Encampments per City Ordinances and Relocate Occupants to Transition and Temporary Housing” addressed to Councilman Bonin with copies to Jose “Che” Ramirez,

Deputy Mayor for Homeless Initiatives, Becca Doten, Deputy Executive Director, Public & Government Affairs, Los Angeles World Airports and its 8 Supporting Exhibits (collectively, “the Memo”).

The Committee hereby:

- (1) Approves the Memo.
- (2) Directs its Chairman to send the Memo and this Motion to the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council. (“the Board”)
- (3) Requests the Board to grant the Motion.

Motion was made and seconded to postpone this motion indefinitely.

Colette Bailey		Y		
Vicki Halliday	M	Y		
Jodi Mortimer		Y		
Frank Murphy (chair)		Y		
Stan Muhammed		Y		
Pat Raphael		Y		
Brian Ulf		Y		
Liz Wright	S	Y		

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11. Committee Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

- It was recommended that the L.A. City Homeless and Poverty Committee be added to the distribution list.

12. ADJOURN