

VNC - Homelessness Committee – Summary of Activities 11/14/19 – 5/30/23

Presentations & supporting documents:

11/14/19 – No prsntn

1/16/20 – Allison Wilhite, Ven Brdg Hm Dpty, Bonin’s office, introduction.

2/11/20 – Allison Wilhite, prsnttn on Ven Brdg Hm Prjct

Sprtnng Dcmnt – A Bridge Home

6/11/20 – Nisa Kove, Field Deputy for Bonin, Intro.

8/4/20 – Charles Rails, Venice Bridge Housing

Nisa Kove, Venice Bridge Housing

8/7/20 – No prsntn

9/1/20 – Nisa Kove, VBH – City Attorney Gita O’Neil and Zack Lodmer, hmlss encampment issues – Frank Murphy, Data re hmls cnt, lw inc hsng and ps hsng.

10/7/20 – No prsntn – discussion of sprtnng dcmnt content

Sprtnng Dcmnt – Off Street Sanctuary Sites – Hmls and Affordable Housing

11/4/20 – No prsntn

Sprtnng Dcmnt – Supporting Motion 2

12/1/20 – Dexter O’Connell, VBH.

12/29/20 – Dexter O’Connell, VBH.

1/26/21 – Dexter O’Connell, VBH – Phillip Ansell, Director of LA County Homeless Initiative

2/2/21 – No prsntn – collaboration with Discussion Forum Committee

Sprtnng Dcmnt – A Way Home – Kevin DeLeon

2/23/21 – Dexter O’Connell, VBH – Pat Raphael, introduction – Dario Alvarez, in depth on off street sites, lw inc hsng and ps hsng

Sprtnng Dcmnt – data on Hmls and Affrdbl Hsng

3/30/21 – Dexter O’Connell, VBH – Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Pres & CEO of St. Joseph Center

4/27/21 – Dexter O’Connell, VBH – Attrny Carol Sobel, LA Alliance lawsuit

5/11/21 – Dario Alvarez, in depth data and research for emergency temporary shelters

5/25/21 – Rev. Andrew J. Bales, M.A.T., CEO of Union Rescue Mission

6/22/21 – Heidi Roberts, co-founder of Haaven Collaborative Housing

Sprtnng Dcmnt – Data and research updated results for Homeless Off-Street Sanctuary and Publicly owned land

10/26/21 – Claudia Martin, prosecutor for the Wst LA and the Pacific Divisions Neighborhood Prosecutor Program

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

11/30/21 – Jody Mortimer, introduction – Eric Schrote currently homeless presented to the Homeless Round Table

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

1/25/22 – Jody Mortimer, gave a brief bio of himself and his homeless history – Hmls Rnd Tbl, Catherine shared her story and homeless history

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

2/11/22 – Panel Discussion with candidates for LA City Council seat for CD11, attendees Allison Polhill, Jim Murez, Traci Park, Vincent Sulaitis, Mike Newhouse, and moderated by Dr. Naomi Nightengale. Cancelled due to pressure from Jim Murez, president of VNC, as inappropriate for Hmls Comm business. Panel discussion was held in a private format to avoid conflict.

2/22/22 – Tristen Marler from Bonin’s office, Constituent Advocate and Geoff Thompson Bonin’s liaison to LAWA

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

4/5/22 – Lakesha Williams, Che Ramirez representing Eric Garcetti’s Circle Team Project – Daniel Hubbard, Oasis Network Inc.

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

5/3/22 – Hmls Rnd Tbl, Kim currently hmls gave an extensive bio of his hmlsns and its impacts

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

6/28/22 – Hmls Rnd Tbl – Steve, currently hmls, gave an extensive bio of his hmlsns, its impact on him and how he is attempting to help others in his circle of hmls

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

7/26/22 – Traci Park, candidate for council person for CD11, joined comm for a Q&A

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

8/30/22 – Erin Darling, candidate for council person for CD11, joined comm for a Q&A

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

9/27/22 – Ansar (Stan) Muhammad presented himself and the efforts of his organization H.E.L.P.E.R. Foundation

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

10/25/22 – Hmls Rnd Tbl, Zach Deluca, currently homeless, gave an extensive bio of his homeless situation and its impact

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

11/29/22 – No prsntn

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

12/8/22 – Joint Mtng with LUPC re land availability within CD11 and the whole of LA CO. Dario Alvarez presented pertinent data, site locations and suitability for emergency use.

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

1/3/23 – Presenters: - Alfie Jones, Venice Lead Homeless Youth Outreach Ambassador with lived experience. - Michael Ridley, Project 360 Safe Passage, Venice Lead Homeless Ambassador/Advocate Safety Monitor – shared their work experience with homeless and various agencies

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

1/31/23 – No prsntn

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

2/28/23 – Presentation and Discussion from Traci Park’s staff. We have Juan Fregoso, Homelessness and Housing Coordinator for City of LA Council District 11, and Ashley Lozada, Field Deputy (Venice, Playa del Rey, Del Rey) joining us.

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

3/9/23 – Joint Mtng with LUPC re MTA lot and future use, Wells Lawson presenting for LA Metro TOC

Sprtnng Dcmnt – several documents concerning MTA lot and its future use

3/28/23 – Presentation from Juan Fregoso, Homelessness and Housing Coordinator for City of LA Council District 11, and from Karen Bass’s staff Shannon Prior, Circle Program Manager, concerning Circle Team’s outreach efforts and methods for the Venice community

Sprtnng Dcmnt – link to video and trnscrpt of mtng

4/25/23 – Jody Mortimer concerning interaction with Circle Team

Sprtnng Dcmnt

5/30/23 – LAPD narcotics Division re hmlsns and drug abuse – canceled with possible reschedule for next month’s meeting – extensive discussion re Bridge Home issues - Brian Ulf short summary of his housing efforts

Sprtnng Dcmnt – Bridge Home SECZ and 41.18

Motions:

11/14/19 – no motion, extensive public discussion

1/16/20 – motion to amend LAMC 41.18, failed 1-3

2/11/20 – motion to provide printed outreach info for service providers, passed 3-0

6/11/20 – motion to provide shelter with the least costly method for homeless, passed 4-1-1

-motion to provide restroom facilities on Rose, tabled, passed 6-0

-motion for community members to make masks for distribution to homeless, passed 5-1

8/4/20 – motion to change name of committee to Homelessness Committee, failed 2-4

8/7/20 – motion sidewalks to be cleared if in violation of Americans with Disabilities Act, passed 4-2

9/1/20 – no motion

10/7/20 – Bridge Housing MOU seeking accountability and transparency with conditions, no vote

11/4/20 – motion Sanitation Dept to clean all Venice encampments 2 times a month, no vote due to disturbance by public

12/1/20 – motion, rehearing from past meeting, passed 6-1

-motion in supporting local, state and federal agencies in providing rapid shelter, passed 7-0

12/29/20 – no motion

1/26/21 – motion supporting Tiny Homes Projects, no vote

2/2/21 – motion supporting Kevin DeLeon’s “A Way Home Plan” before the LA Cty Cncl, passed 6-0-1

-motion in support of Tiny Homes projects as executed in Riverside and Seattle, passed 7-0

2/23/21 – no motion

3/30/21 – motion requesting response as to where RHNA required housing will be located, failed 1-3

4/27/21 – no motion

5/11/21 – no motion

5/25/21 – motion opposing the use of beaches, beach parking lots and public parks to house the unhoused, failed 7-0

-motion requesting that the LA elected officials reveal where permanent housing will be provided to help stem the growth of the homeless population, passed 5-2

6/22/21 – motion seeking enforcement of crimes in or near homeless encampments, passed 5-0-1

-motion to increase funding to support additional safe parking programs, failed 3-4

-motion seeking info from the LA City Council and LA Planning Dept as to where permanent housing will be provided to address the root causes of homelessness, passed 6-0

10/26/21 – no motion

11/30/21 – motion Clark Brown’s memos concerning housing at the airport, passed 7-0

1/25/22 – motion requesting that street donations be provided to or through established service providers, passed 4-1-1

2/22/22 – motion that VNC coordinate with WNC to provide housing and shelter, tabled

-motion from VNC board requesting reconsideration of Clark Brown’s motion passed by Homelessness Comm at 11/30/21 meeting, voted to postpone indefinitely 8-0

4/5/22 – motion to provide portable toilets and hand washing to encampments, passed 5-2-1

-motion that LA implement the LA Alliance v. City of LA settlement, passed 8-0

5/3/22 – motion to the City of LA to plan and implement housing for Centennial Park encampment and dismantle it, passed 6-1

5/31/22 – no motion

6/28/22 – motion to provide safe and secure lockers, tabled to enable rewrite, passed 7-0

-motion based on the assurances to the community having not been met in the past the VNC objects to the renewal of lease for A Bridge Home, passed 4-2

7/26/22 – motion to forward letter to LA City Council supporting LAMC 41.18 and 56.01, passed 7-0-0-1

-motion revised locker motion to provide lockers for homeless using non-profits providing services in the Venice community, passed 8-0

8/30/22 – motion as amended requesting accountability and transparency as to funds and services provided by government funded service providers functioning in CD11, passed 7-0

9/27/22 – no motion

10/25/22 – no motion

11/29/22 – motion non-profit service providers to provide secure storage for original documents for homeless, passed 6-0

12/8/22 – joint mtng with LUPC, no motion

1/3/23 – motion request that relevant service providers be community service recipients for unhoused persons seeking relief under the CAPP program, tabled for revision, passed 8-0

1/18/23 – joint mtng with LUPC, no motion

1/31/23 – motion rehear revised 1/3/23 motion, passed 6-0

2/28/23 – no motion

3/9/23 – joint mtng with LUPC, no motion

3/28/23 – no motion

4/25/23 – no motion

5/30/23 – motion requesting council woman Traci Park to designate additional areas be covered under LAMC 41.18 pending possible success of an appeal denying the lease extension of the Venice ABH facility, failed 7-0