



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Homeless Committee Agenda

Meeting Date: Tuesday May 1st, 2018

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Venice Public Library, Venice, CA 90291

Contact: william.hawkins@venicenc.org,

1. 6:00 pm – Call to Order and Roll Call

Will Hawkins (Chair)			
Matt Shaw		Peter Ruiz	
Brian Ulf		Deb Groening	
Hollie Stenson		Elisa James	
Sunny Bak			
Kip Pardue			

- 2. 6:00 pm – Approve Agenda as presented or amended**
- 3. 6:00pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended**
- 4. 6:01 pm -- PUBLIC COMMENT – 5 minutes on non-agendized items related to Homeless Committee only**
- 5. 6:05pm – Chairman’s Report**
Presentation by Taylor Bazley on Mayor Garcetti’s Homeless Shelter Initiative.
- 6. 6:15pm – (1) MOTION TO SUPPORT LA OFFICE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION**
- 7. 6:25pm – (2) MOTION TO SUPPORT WEST LA VA MASTER PLAN**
- 8. 6:35pm – (3) MOTION TO SUPPORT SAFE CAMPING PROGRAM**
- See attached for text
- 9. 6:50pm-- (4) MOTION TO SUPPORT RESIDENTIAL SAFE PARKING PROGRAM**
See attached for text.
- 10. 7:05pm – (5) MOTION TO SUPPORT HOMELESS ADOPT-A-TENT PROGRAM**
- See attached for text.
- 11. 7:20pm – (6) MOTION TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY SHELTER IN VENICE**
- See attached for text.
- 12. 7:34 pm - MOTION TO SUPPORT REQUEST FOR 2018 JONES SETTLEMENT STATUS.**
- 13. Old Business Presentation by Stephen Butler St Joseph Center regarding treatment and services for homeless with mental illness.**
- 14. 8:00pm -- ADJOURN**



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MOTIONS PRESENTED

MOTION #1

Motion to Support City Motion to Create Full-time Office of Reunification

We ask that the Venice Neighborhood Council write a community impact statement letter supporting Councilmember Nury Martinez's motion that the city create a full-time office of reunification that was originally supported through efforts of our own reunification program that was created here in October, 2016.

LETTER:

The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) requests that the following statement of "Support" be attached to Council File 17-1383: Family Reunification Through Service Providers.

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports "CF 17-1383: Family Reunification Through Service Providers" for the positive impacts that such a coordinated program will have on the homeless population, their families, residents and businesses of the City of Los Angeles and based on the incredible success our pilot program has been in reducing homelessness in Venice and the millions of dollars associated with serving the homeless crisis in the city of Los Angeles.

MOTION #2

Motion to Support the West LA VA's Master Plan to Provide Housing to Veterans on Their Campus.

We ask that the VNC provide a letter of support for the VA's plan to build housing for homeless veterans on their West LA Campus.

LETTER:

To whom it may concern;

The Venice Neighborhood Council and Chairman of the Venice Homeless Committee have witnessed first hand the cause and effects of homelessness first hand. One area of homelessness that no one can argue with and is the most shocking, is the path that was traveled by our brave and courageous veterans who feel lost, hopeless and completely abandoned by the country that they gave their life and limbs for.

The West LA campus of the Veterans Association was donated specially to serve the veterans who are now living on the street. We find it shameful that so much time has passed to utilize these facilities in the way they that were intended to be. If all 5,000 beds that the facility was designed to hold were to be made available we would be able to house and care for almost every homeless veteran on the streets in Los Angeles county. It is imperative that we immediately fund and execute this reclamation project and serve each and every veteran that seeks help and assistance.

The VNC fully supports this project and ask you to make immediate approval so it can move forward swiftly. Let's give these veterans what they fought so bravely for. Dignity. Respect. Honor.



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MOTION #3

Motion to Request 2018 Jones Settlement report

Whereas the city has yet to present updated stats and figures that show whether or not the terms of the Jones Settlement have been satisfied.

Therefore we request that the VNC requests in writing such information be provided by Councilman Bonin, Mayor Garcetti, Deputy Mayor Christina Miller and LAHSA Director Peter Lynn and to present to the city and up to date accounting on where the city stands to meet Jones Settlement housing threshold. And if the numbers have been met to immediately start enforcing LAMC 51.18 and 41.11.

MOTION #4

Motion to Support Creation of Safe Camping Program in Venice

Whereas the city of Los Angeles has been handcuffed by the terms of the Jones Settlement to enforce laws that provide safe, clean and clear sidewalks for residents, businesses and visitors.

Whereas the spread of homeless encampments in Venice has been responsible for multiple shootings, stabbings and ongoing criminal behavior including burglaries, auto theft and assaults.

Whereas the terms of the Jones Settlement no longer serve the community in the ways it was intended and the increase of homeless living on the streets of Venice has been untenable.

Whereas the lack of enforcement of LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 has invited drifters and travelers from outside the city and state of California to camp on our streets and exploit the services and goodwill intended to assist the most vulnerable of our city.

Whereas we need a solution that better serves both the housed and un-housed in our community and provides a safe and clean environment for all.

Therefore we ask that the city create a "Safe Camping" pilot program that provides safe locations for only those individuals who are seeking housing, employment and assistance to get off the street and are registered in LAHSA's Coordinated Entry System (CES) and provide all people registered with a specific and reserved spot on a designated sidewalk only between the hours of 9pm and 6am and enforce the terms of all laws between the hours of 6am and 9pm to keep streets and sidewalks clear. We also request that the neighbors have the opportunity to approve each location on their block with a 2/3rds majority.

MOTION #5

Motion to Support Creation of Homeless Adopt-a-Tent Program

Whereas the city of Los Angeles has created a program to allow homeowners to build structures in their backyards to house homeless individuals.

Whereas it could take years before this program takes effect and starts to alleviate the housing needs for the un-housed and we need to seek out immediate solutions that have an immediate effect to reduce homelessness.

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Whereas we need a solution that better serves both the housed and unhoused in our community and provides a safe and clean environment for all.

Therefore we ask that the city create a pilot program that financially assists homeowners who allow homeless individuals to set up tents in backyards, provide bathrooms, running water and showers to individuals who are registered in LAHSA's Coordinated Entry System (CES) and are seeking housing, employment and services that ultimately allow them to get off the street. We also request that the neighbors have the opportunity to approve each location on their block with a 2/3rds majority.

MOTION #6

Motion to Support Creation of Homeless Residential Safe Parking Program

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Whereas we need a solution that better serves both the housed and unhoused in our community and provides a safe and clean environment for all.

Therefore we ask that the city create a pilot program that financially assists homeowners who allow homeless individuals to park in their driveways and provide bathrooms, running water and showers to individuals who are registered in LAHSA's Coordinated Entry System (CES) and are seeking housing, employment and services that ultimately allow them to get off the street.



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