



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Homeless Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar

Contact: Frank.Murphy@venicenc.org

1. 7:00 pm - Call to Order and Roll Call

Frank Murphy (Chair)	X		
CJ Cole	X	Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	X
Vicki Halliday	X		
Stan Muhammad	X		
Mike Rapkin	X		
Liz Wright	X		
Brian Ulf	X		

2. 7:00 pm - Approve Agenda as presented or amended

Frank Murphy (Chair)	Y		
CJ Cole	Y	Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	
Vicki Halliday	Y		
Stan Muhammad	Y		
Mike Rapkin	Y		
Liz Wright	Y		
Brian Ulf	Y		

3. 7:05 pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended

Frank Murphy (Chair)	Y		
CJ Cole	Y	Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	
Vicki Halliday	Y		
Stan Muhammad	Y		
Mike Rapkin	Y		
Liz Wright	Y		
Brian Ulf	Y		

4. 7:05 pm – ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. 7:05 pm – Chair Report

6. 7:07 pm - PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Homeless Committee only

7. 7:17 pm – Presentation by Dexter O’Connell concerning Bridge Housing

8. 7:35 pm - Items for Discussion and Possible Action



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Motion 1:

Calling for Monthly Cleaning of All Encampments in Venice

Submitted by Eva Greene

The homeless are struggling to keep their dignity and the city is failing them left and right. The people have voted many times to fund housing with Prop H, Prop HHH, Prop 63, And Prop 2. The wasteful spending of allowing developers to build city and county housing at outrageous costs of \$550k – 900k per unit will never allow the city to build enough housing for those on the street.

The city has not created a balance between helping the homeless and helping the residents and homeowners keep and maintain a clean and healthy community while still staying within the parameters of the Boise Idaho decision. It is the city that is allowing the homeless to languish on the street, due to their poor financial management of bond monies meant to help the homeless and mentally ill.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles and its Sanitation Department to help keep the homeless encampments clean and as sanitary as possible for human conditions to prevail, and to prevent diseases due to rodents attracted to open food sources and asks that the city provide rat-proof trashcans at all encampments of ten or more people, and calls for the cleaning of all homeless encampments in Venice one time a month, including the TEMPORARY shifting of all possessions, tents, furniture, etc., to allow thorough cleaning of sidewalks, parkways, and any other public areas, because the homeless deserve to keep their encampments as sanitary as possible while keeping their location sites.

Upon passage, this Resolution shall be forwarded to Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Mike Bonin, President of the Board of Public Works Kevin James, and Department of Sanitation General Manager Enrique C. Zaldivar, and the entire city council.

Frank Murphy (Chair)	Y		
CJ Cole – made motion	Y	Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	
Vicki Halliday	Y		
Stan Muhammad	Y		
Mike Rapkin	N		
Liz Wright - seconded	Y		
Brian Ulf	Y		



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Motion 2:

Calling for immediate sheltering opportunities for the homeless population

Submitted by Michael Rapkin and Frank Murphy

Whereas, the homeless population in Los Angeles, including Venice, has continued to grow at alarming rates year after year; and

Whereas, while every day unhoused people in Los Angeles are being housed there are more people each day who are entering homelessness; and

Whereas, the number of tent encampments for homeless people in Los Angeles, including Venice and other neighborhoods within CD 11, has increased, causing consternation amongst both Venice residents and homeless advocates; and

Whereas, the population of Venice represents 14% of the population of CD 11 and the population of homeless people in Venice represents 56% of the population of homeless people in CD 11; and

Whereas, decreasing the homeless population in Venice by providing temporary shelter while permanent supportive housing is sought in and about Los Angeles will improve public safety, alleviate personal property on public property, open up more sidewalks, protect homeless people from the elements, and decrease the quantity of RVs on the streets; and

Whereas, most unhoused people want to be re-housed; and

Whereas, all 15 City Council persons are coordinating efforts with a Federal Court Judge to find options to immediately reduce the homeless population within their respective Council Districts, and further delays are unacceptable;

NOW THEREFORE, the following Motion is made:

The Venice Neighborhood Council and its Homeless Committee shall support efforts by local, state and federal agencies and officials, as well as local service providers, to immediately reduce the growing, unhoused population in Venice by advocating master leasing, shared housing, safe parking, rapid re-housing, pallet sheltering, and other similar accommodations. In addition, they shall seek to collaborate with other neighborhoods of CD11 to find ways to reduce homelessness and distribute the care and accommodations of homelessness throughout CD11 including, but not limited to, Venice.

Frank Murphy (Chair)	Y		
CJ Cole - seconded	Y	Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	
Vicki Halliday	Y		
Stan Muhammad	Y		
Mike Rapkin – made motion	Y		
Liz Wright	Y		
Brian Ulf	Y		



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9. 8:25 pm – Old Business

9.1 Have at least one homeless person on the committee

Stan Muhammed will try to bring an unhoused person to the next meeting.

10. 8:25 pm – New Business

11. 8:25 pm – COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Homeless Committee but not on the Agenda

11.1 A shout out to Renaissance which provided hot meals to those in need

11.2 Suggestion that the committee research new ways to house homeless

11.3 Suggestion : Have LAHSA do 5-10 minute presentation on their contractual responsibilities regarding housing the homeless and the procedures they have put in place to do so.

11.4 Suggestion : Have St. Joseph's do 5-10 minute presentation on their contractual responsibilities regarding housing the homeless and the procedures they have put in place to do so.

12. 8:30 pm - ADJOURN