



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Homeless Committee Agenda

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar

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

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)			
Brian Ulf			
Mike Rapkin			
Pat Raphael			
Liz Wright			
Vicki Halliday		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	
Stan Muhammad			

2. 7:00 pm - Approve Agenda as presented or amended
3. 7:05 pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended
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



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7. 7:17 pm – Presentation by Dexter O’Connell concerning Bridge Housing (10 minutes). Public comment to present questions to Mr. O’Connell to be answered at our next meeting (5 minutes)
8. 7:32 pm – Presentation by Phillip Ansell retired Director Of LA County Homeless Initiative – objective is one, to help dispel myths and rumors around government efforts and two, to get a 60,000 ft over view as opposed to a 5-10 ft observation of the homeless issues facing the community (30 minutes)
9. 8:05 pm - Items for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion
 - a. Read text of motion
 - b. Make motion
 - c. Second motion
 - d. Public comment – 10 minutes
 - e. Committee discussion – 10 minutes
 - f. Vote

Whereas, per information in <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-12/los-angeles-tiny-homes-homeless? amp=true>:

- Under pressure from a federal lawsuit to get homeless people off the streets, the City of Los Angeles is implementing ~64-square-foot **Tiny Homes** projects scheduled to open in April, 2021 at an average cost of ~\$82,000 per home while similar projects in Riverside, California and other state jurisdictions (Seattle, Washington in particular) with similar shared facilities (bathrooms, showers) have been built at an average cost of less than \$12,000 per home - projects which encourage a sense of community often resulting in self-governance of what’s felt to be a small albeit temporary ‘village’ with residents performing chores; and
- The sense of ownership and security provided by **Tiny Homes** contributes to the mental stability homeless people need to move forward and therefore appeals to and attracts homeless people who feel otherwise alienated by other programs (such as shelters lined with beds in large areas shared with unfamiliar people) while waiting for the construction of the permanent housing upon which such temporary housing projects (including **Bridge Housing**) are legally long-term dependent;



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Be it therefore resolved that the VNC Board is requested to adopt the following motion: The VNC Board supports the concept of Tiny Homes projects and, in a letter to Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Council District 11, with copies to other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils, requests that he:

- **Research and take whatever steps are necessary to enable the City of Los Angeles to emulate the Riverside, California and Seattle, Washington examples in providing Tiny Homes to homeless people - including Seattle's citizen-driven model (non-profit enterprises with citizen participation) - to the benefit of the Los Angeles Venice Neighborhood Council area as well as to the benefit of all other Neighborhood Council areas in the City of Los Angeles; and**
- **Explore the impact of the implementation of such a program on the current federal decisions which permit homeless people to reside with their belongings on neighborhood sidewalks and streets, whether or not in vehicles or tents or their equivalents**

8:25 pm – Old Business

8:25 pm – New Business

10. 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. 8:30 pm - ADJOURN

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