

Venice Neighborhood Council

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Minutes of the 2 February 2021 VNC Homeless Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar 868 8087 6117

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

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

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

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	Y		
Brian Ulf	SY		
Mike Rapkin	Y		
Pat Raphael	Y		
Liz Wright	Y		
Vicki Halliday	MY		
Stan Muhammad	Y		

M = moved, S = seconded 6,0,0

3. 7:05 pm – ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. 7:05 pm – Chair Report

5. 7:07 pm - PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Homeless Committee only

6. 7:23pm - Items for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion



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Motion 1:

Submitted by Vicki Halliday

See Kevin DeLeon's "A Way Home Plan" in supporting documents.

Motion in Support of Kevin DeLeon's "A Way Home Plan"

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has no comprehensive and streamlined plan to provide housing in a timely manner and the population of unhoused people is worsening, a road map for the future is necessary.

Kevin DeLeon of CD14 has provided one. It is succinct, well-thought out and on target to actually get things done. It streamlines protocols in place and makes good suggestions for new ones.

Therefore, The Homeless Committee endorses the plan known as "A Way Home", which will be appearing before the City Council for consideration and approval.

To: Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Council members.

Frank Murphy (Chair)	MY		
Brian Ulf	Y		
Mike Rapkin	Y		
Pat Raphael	A		
Liz Wright	Y		
Vicki Halliday	SY		
Stan Muhammad	Y		

M = Moved, S = seconded, A = abstained Vote: (6,0,1)

Motion 2:

As submitted at the Discussion Forum Committee

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



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permanent housing upon which such temporary housing projects (including Bridge Housing) are legally long-term dependent;

Be it therefore resolved that the VNC Board is requested to adopt the following motion to include the above Whereas clause:

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.

Motion was made to amend as follows:

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	Amendment	Final Motion	
Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	MN	Y	
Brian Ulf	SY	Y	
Mike Rapkin	Y	MY	
Pat Raphael	N	Y	
Liz Wright	Y	Y	
Vicki Halliday	Y	Y	
Stan Muhammad	Y	SY	

M = moved, S = seconded, A = abstained
Amendment vote (5,2,0) Final Motion vote (7,0,0)

7. 8:03 pm – Old Business
8. 8:10 pm – New Business
9. 8:20 pm – COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Homeless Committee but not on the Agenda
10. 8:30 pm – ADJOURN