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Joint meeting of Homelessness Committee and Board of Directors – Agenda

Meeting Date: Tuesday 1/25/2022

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting

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1. 7:00 pm – Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Frank Murphy (chair)		Clark Brown	
Brian Ulf		Jody Mortimer	
Colette Bailey			
Pat Raphael			
Liz Wright			
Vicki Halliday		Jim Murez (ex-officio)	
Stan Muhammad			

3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from November 30, 2021 meeting

<https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/viewCommitteeFile/25925>

4. Chair Report (5 minutes).

5. Committee Introduction – Jody Mortimer – new committee member.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agenda items related to Homelessness Committee only.

7. Homeless Round Table – A panel of current or recent homeless people focusing on their story and their concern’s, need’s and want’s when homeless. Juan Perez and others as available will join with Stan Muhammad as moderator. Questions from the public please submit prior to Monday 1/25/22 AM to Vicki Halliday at communications@venicenc.org Presentation (20 minutes). Committee Q&A (15 minutes).

8. Public comment on Homeless Round Table presentation. 1 minute.

9. Presentation by Ethal Butler, the Supervisor for Homeless Outreach for the Veterans Administration. Introduction by Jody Mortimer. Presentation (20 minutes). Committee Q&A (15 minutes).

10. Public comment on Butler presentation. 1 minute.

NEW Business

11. Item for discussion and Possible Action – Motion

- a.** a. Read text of motion
- b.** b. Make motion
- c.** c. Second motion
- d.** d. Public comment – 10 minutes
- e.** e. Committee discussion – 10 minutes
- f.** f. Vote

Motion submitted by Vicki Halliday

It has been identified that street donations often do more harm than good by disrupting the process of connecting the un-housed with professional homeless support services to begin the process of getting off the street.

In 2017, the Venice Neighborhood Council passed a resolution that encouraged individuals, religious groups, and community organizations to coordinate with professional service providers instead of providing street donation efforts on their own.

The motion encouraged the groups to trade street donations efforts for coordinating with licensed providers and/or support sanctioned organizations through the VNC like Saint Joseph's Center Bread and Roses.

It has been identified that the motion needs updating. Therefore the homeless committee submits the following:

Whereas, professional homeless service organizations, city officials, and law enforcement agree that street donations of food, clothing, and other items often do more harm than good by

- disrupting the process of helping people connect with professional homeless support services and begin the process of getting off the street
- creating dangerous and unclean environment for both the housed and unhoused,
- costing the city tens of thousands of dollars a year in street cleanup and trash collection costs from the resulting waste.

Be it resolved that the VNC requests aid from all City agencies listed to cite these providers for infractions, and to direct them to schedule, cooperate, coordinate, homeless support activities with the professional and city-sanctioned homeless service providers.

To: LAHSA, St. Joseph's Center, LA Sanitation, Park and Rec, LAPD, CD11, County Supervisor, Department of Health

12. Committee Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

13. ADJOURN

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