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Joint meeting of Homelessness Committee and Board of Directors – Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday 4/5/22

Meeting Time: 7:00pm PDT

Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting 82239186643

Contact: Frank.Murphy@VeniceNC.org

1. 7:00 pm – Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from January 25, 2022 meeting.

Frank Murphy (chair)	Y			
Brian Ulf	Y			
Colette Bailey				
Pat Raphael	Y			
Liz Wright	Y			
Vicki Halliday	Y			
Stan Muhammad	Y			
Jody Mortimer	Y			

M=moved, S=Seconded (Yes, No, Abstain) (7,0,0)

- 4. Chair report

5. Public Comment - 1 minute on non-agenda items related to Homelessness Committee only

6. Presentation by Lakesha Williams representing Mayor Eric Garcetti’s Circle Team Project currently working in Venice. Introduction by Vicki Halliday. Presentation followed by Committee Q&A.

Che Ramirez, who also is involved in the project, participated in the Q&A. The Circle Team Project is a pilot for having non-police teams respond to certain types of 911 calls. It functions 24/7. They are sent out only on calls that have no indication of violence. Two areas are participating in the project - Hollywood and Venice. The project plan includes 1 decompression center in each area. It is simply a monitored building people can go to when they need to temporarily get out of their current environment. The one in Hollywood is being used. Venice does not have one because the residents of Venice objected to the location (near Westminster school), and another location has not been found. June 30 is project completion date. Then their report will be reviewed. If overall successful, things that worked will be kept, things that did not will be deleted, and it will be developed into a city-wide program.

7. Public comment and questions on Lakesha Williams presentation. 1 minute.

8. Homeless Round Table – A panel of current or recent homeless people focusing on their story and their concerns, needs and wants when homeless. Presentation and Committee Q&A. The scheduled participants were not available.

9. Presentation by Daniel Hubbard of Oasis Network Inc. currently providing food to those in need in Venice. Introduction by Jody Mortimer. Presentation followed by Committee Q&A.

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10. Items for discussion and Possible Action

Motion - 1

Submitted by Frank Murphy

In order to assist in helping to maintain, at the most basic level:

- The sanitary health and safety of all persons housed and unhoused.**
- The dignity of the unhoused.**
- The respect for the housed.**

Since safe camping areas have yet to be designated, properly maintained and supervised by the City of LA, we feel this solution is the most basic mandatory service required of the City of LA.

We ask that the City of LA immediately provide to ensure safety and cleanliness to any encampment of 5 or more tents an adequate supply, maintenance and monitoring of mobile toilets and hand washing facilities made available 24/7. When and if an encampment is dispersed these facilities are to be kept available to be used where ever these encampments reappear. The monitoring and maintaining to be provided by a locally based safety monitoring entity relying on persons inhabiting the encampment.

To: LAHSA, LA Bureau of Sanitation, LA County Parks and Rec’s, Councilman Mike Bonin, LAPD, Council Poverty and Homeless Committee, Department of Health and County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

Frank Murphy (chair)	MY			

Brian Ulf	Y			
Colette Bailey	N			
Pat Raphael	Y			
Liz Wright	SY			
Vicki Halliday	N			
Stan Muhammad	A			
Jody Mortimer	Y			

M=moved, S=Seconded (Yes, No, Abstain) (5,2,1)

Motion – 2

Submitted by Brian Ulf

We ask that Councilman Mike Bonin and the City of LA immediately implement the Settlement Terms of the LA Alliance v. City of Los Angeles case in Venice and throughout CD11.

With this settlement, the City of Los Angeles agrees to:

- Immediately begin the creation of additional shelter and housing
- Reduce encampments through humane efforts that minimize the use of law enforcement
- Establish deadlines and targets that they must meet
- Return public spaces for everyone’s use

This agreement is for all of Los Angeles. It is not limited to Skid Row and Downtown.

The City will offer shelter to persons experiencing homelessness and agrees to no enforcement unless an individual has first been offered shelter or to relocate.

The City will be held accountable to this agreement by Federal District Court Judge David O. Carter

To: ~~LAHSA~~, Councilman Mike Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti, County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Council Poverty and Homeless ~~Committee~~ Los Angeles City Homelessness and Poverty Committee.

Frank Murphy (chair)	Y			
Brian Ulf	MY			
Colette Bailey	Y			
Pat Raphael	Y			
Liz Wright	Y			
Vicki Halliday	Y			
Stan Muhammad	Y			
Jody Mortimer	SY			

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

- 1) We, in the committee, tend overlook how many trying to live on the street die.
- 2) Fentanyl is surpassing meth in popularity among Venice’s homeless.

12. ADJOURN