

Meeting October 30th on Zoom

1. Call to Order and Board Roll Call: 6:12 PM due to technical glitch - 8 Board members present

(No ex parte conversations from Board members )

2. Approval of prior minutes - Maker: Sarah Mahir Seconded: John Reimers 8 yea

3. Chair welcome - turn meeting over to Dr. Nightengale to chair (due to Chair's illness)

4. General Public Comment

5. Presentation by LA County 3rd district Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's Housing and Homelessness Liaison Jonah Glickman

Topic; metrics County uses to evaluate Homeless Service Providers, especially St. Josephs Center for SPA 5/ Venice

Questions about new Dept of Homeless Services and Housing vs. old City programs and LHASA

6. Old Business : NONE

7. New Business: Motion to ReOpen the Oakwood Rec center for Emergency Shelter during inclement weather or identify another viable option in Venice,

a. Motion ammned by Lisa Redmond to add CIS / discussion

Maker to motion as amended : Alley Bean Seconded: Julie Bean

5-0 motion passed

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Homelessness Committee passed a motion on June 25, 2024 to provide emergency shelter during adverse weather conditions.

The Committee asks the VNC President re-convey this approved motion to CD11 and proper entities as listed on the motion to ensure the approved motion is carried out by homeless service authorities to create an adverse weather shelter at Oakwood Recreation Center, as well as other locations for implementation such as Penmar Recreation Center, Westminster Senior Center or the Vera Davis Center.

The Committee asks the VNC President to submit the following letter within 14 days of receipt and submit a copy of the transmitted letters to the Homelessness Committee Chair, in addition to filing a CIS with the City Council's Housing and Homelessness Committee.

**LETTER:** The VNC Board reaffirms its 2024 motion (seen below) requesting the City of Los Angeles, including the Emergency Management Department, Council District 11, LAHSA, and the Mayor's Office, to establish and maintain an Adverse Weather Shelter plan for Venice at the Oakwood Recreation Center or another suitable location. The VNC Board further requests an update on the status of this plan and its readiness for activation during inclement weather.

6-25-24 MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the Emergency Management Department, with assistance from CD11 and LAHSA, and in consultation with the Mayor's Office, to create an Adverse Weather Shelter program for Oakwood Recreation Center, as well as to determine other possible settings in CD11 (i.e. Penmar Recreation Center, Westminster Senior Center, Vera Davis Center), to better manage weather-related emergencies, including, but not limited to extreme rain, and cold and hot temperatures. This would include:

- A clear delineation of responsibilities for major weather emergency preparation and response, including which City departments are involved in the decision-making process for an Oakwood Shelter activation;
- Identification of communication channels for critical safety information between City departments and non-City entities, including how and when an Oakwood activation is communicated, including unhoused clients;
- An emergency plan for augmenting outreach or other staffing capacity during periods of an Oakwood activations during weekends and holidays; and
- Other lessons learned pertaining to the activation of the Oakwood program during the February 2024 rains.

Letters sent to:

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- Carol P. Parks, General Manager, Emergency Management Department, [carol.parks@lacity.org](mailto:carol.parks@lacity.org)

- Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), [lflores@lahsa.org](mailto:lflores@lahsa.org)

- Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Chief Housing and Homelessness Officer, Office of the Mayor, [lourdes.ramirez@lacity.org](mailto:lourdes.ramirez@lacity.org)