



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Homeless Committee Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2020

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 – 8: 00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Zoom meeting – link below

**Contact:** [Frank.Murphy@venicenc.org](mailto:Frank.Murphy@venicenc.org)

**You are invited to a Zoom webinar.**

**When:** Jun 11, 2020 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Topic:** VNC Homeless Committee Webinar, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2020

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1. 6:30 pm - the meeting was called to order and roll call taken

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	P		
Charles Rials (Co-Chair)	A		
Brian Ulf	P		
Mike Rapkin	P		
CJ Cole	P		
Liz Wright	P		
Vicki Halliday	P	Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	P

2. Frank Murphy moved and Mike Rapkin seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	Y
Charles Rials (Co-Chair)	
Brian Ulf	Y
Mike Rapkin	Y
CJ Cole	Y
Liz Wright	Y
Vicki Halliday	Y



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3. Brian Ulf moved and CJ Cole seconded approval of the minutes of the last meeting as presented.

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	Y
Charles Rials (Co-Chair)	
Brian Ulf	Y
Mike Rapkin	Y
CJ Cole	Y
Liz Wright	Y
Vicki Halliday	Y

4. Two new committee members, CJ Cole and Vicki Halliday were introduced
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Homeless Committee only
6. Nisa Kove, Field Deputy to Councilmember Mike Bonin, provided an update on the Venice Bridge Home project.
7. Motion 1: Motion Calling on the City of Los Angeles to Focus All Homeless Housing Funds on Low-Cost Shelter Models

Sent to Homeless Committee by VNC President March 9, 2020

Author: Mark Ryavec, Email: [mark.ryavec@venicenc.org](mailto:mark.ryavec@venicenc.org)

Frank Murphy moved to approve this motion as presented, Vicki Halliday seconded.

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles is in the midst of a humanitarian homeless crisis on the level of the conditions following a massive earthquake or hurricane, and

Whereas, the process and cost of building traditional “tax credit” model housing units, with 40% soft costs (consultant and development fees, architecture, and financing) and multi-year preparation time, has resulted as of January 2020 in the construction of only 46 units, and

Whereas, Proposition HHH is now expected to net – instead of the promised 10,000 units - only 5,873 supportive units and 1,767 affordable units at a cost of \$531,000 to \$700,000 per bed, leaving at the completion of construction in four years roughly 20,000 unsheltered homeless still on the street, and

Whereas, according to the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, in Los Angeles County, currently 133 homeless people are housed each day while 150 people fall into homelessness each day, resulting in the increase in the number homeless by 17 people per day, or 6,205 additional people per year, suggesting that the projection above of 20,000 unsheltered people



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four years from now is unrealistically low, if the housing programs now in place are not dramatically altered, and

Whereas Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has no performance targets and LAHSA's placement process for individual housing is cumbersome and time consuming, and Whereas, crucial wrap-around services that help the most chronic and struggling homeless persons succeed in individual housing are most efficiently and cost-effectively provided in group situations and that group/shared housing provide crucial peer support, and

Whereas, other jurisdictions have proven the cost-effectiveness, suitability and quick availability of several other housing models, now,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles to immediately direct any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing to the following proven less-costly models, towards the objective of housing all unsheltered homeless persons in two years: 1. Large membrane tents capable of housing 100 people that may be constructed in a few months (cost: \$10,000 per bed), e.g., the Union Rescue Mission just erected one at that price. 2. Large military-grade inflatable tents (cost: \$6,000 per bed). 3. Pallet shelters (cost: \$2,000 per bed). 4. Tent "Kits" capable of housing a family of four, with furniture, refrigerator, heater and electrical generator (Cost: \$500 per bed, \$2,000 per kit). 5. SHARE Collaborative Housing, two persons per bedroom in existing single-family homes and multi-family buildings (Cost: \$500 to \$700 monthly rent self-financed by each individual's SSI, General Relief and other benefits; \$8,000 cost per annum per person for management, It's YOUR Venice - get involved Venice Neighborhood Council PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 / [www.VeniceNC.org](http://www.VeniceNC.org) Email: [info@VeniceNC.org](mailto:info@VeniceNC.org) / Phone or Fax: 310.606.2015 counseling and other social services). And further, be it resolved, that no such projects shall be installed or constructed within 200 feet of a residence, child care center, school, or park, except for SHARE Collaborative Housing and similar housing programs, which utilize living units already located in existing residential communities. When adopted, this Motion shall be submitted as a Community Impact Statement and attached to Council File 17-0090-S14.

Per the author, Mark Ryavec, a portion of the motion was included as a typographical error. The motion was corrected as follows:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles to immediately direct any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing to the following proven less-costly models, towards the objective of housing all unsheltered homeless persons in two years: 1. Large membrane tents capable of housing 100 people that may be constructed in a few months (cost: \$10,000 per bed), e.g., the Union Rescue Mission just erected one at that price. 2. Large military-grade inflatable tents (cost: \$6,000 per bed). 3. Pallet shelters (cost: \$2,000 per bed). 4. Tent "Kits" capable of housing a family of four, with furniture, refrigerator, heater and electrical generator (Cost: \$500 per bed, \$2,000 per kit). 5. SHARE Collaborative Housing, two persons per bedroom in existing single-family homes and multi-family buildings (Cost:



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Motion to amend was made by Liz Wright, seconded by Vicki Halliday to read as follows:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles to immediately direct any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing to the following proven less-costly models, towards the objective of housing all unsheltered homeless persons in two years: 1. Large membrane tents capable of housing 100 people that may be constructed in a few months (cost: \$10,000 per bed), e.g., the Union Rescue Mission just erected one at that price. 2. Large military-grade inflatable tents (cost: \$6,000 per bed). 3. Pallet shelters (cost: \$2,000 per bed). 4. Tent “Kits” capable of housing a family of four, with furniture, refrigerator, heater and electrical generator (Cost: \$500 per bed, \$2,000 per kit). 5. SHARE Collaborative Housing, two persons per bedroom in existing single-family homes and multi-family buildings (Cost: \$500 to \$700 monthly rent self-financed by each individual’s SSI, General Relief and other benefits; \$8,000 cost per annum per person for management counseling and other social services). ~~And further, be it resolved, that no such projects shall be installed or constructed within 200 feet of a residence, child care center, school, or park, except for SHARE Collaborative Housing and similar housing programs, which utilize living units already located in existing residential communities.~~ When adopted, this Motion shall be submitted as a Community Impact Statement and attached to Council File 17-0090-S14.

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	Y
Charles Rials (Co-Chair)	
Brian Ulf	R
Mike Rapkin	N
CJ Cole	N
Liz Wright	Y
Vicki Halliday	N

The amendment failed (2 3 1).

Motion to amend was made by Frank Murphy, seconded by CJ Cole to read as follows



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Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the City of Los Angeles to immediately direct 75% of any and all funds (city, state and federal) available for homeless shelter and housing, exclusive of services, to the following proven less-costly models, towards the objective of housing all unsheltered homeless persons in two years: 1. Large membrane tents capable of housing 100 people that may be constructed in a few months (cost: \$10,000 per bed), e.g., the Union Rescue Mission just erected one at that price. 2. Large military-grade inflatable tents (cost: \$6,000 per bed). 3. Pallet shelters (cost: \$2,000 per bed). 4. Tent “Kits” capable of housing a family of four, with furniture, refrigerator, heater and electrical generator (Cost: \$500 per bed, \$2,000 per kit). 5. SHARE Collaborative Housing, two persons per bedroom in existing single-family homes and multi-family buildings (Cost: \$500 to \$700 monthly rent self-financed by each individual’s SSI, General Relief and other benefits; \$8,000 cost per annum per person for management counseling and other social services). And further, be it resolved, that no such projects shall be installed or constructed within 200 feet of a residence, child care center, school, or park, except for SHARE Collaborative Housing and similar housing programs, which utilize living units already located in existing residential communities. When adopted, this Motion shall be submitted as a Community Impact Statement and attached to Council File 17-0090-S14.

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	Y
Charles Rials (Co-Chair)	
Brian Ulf	R
Mike Rapkin	Y
CJ Cole	Y
Liz Wright	Y
Vicki Halliday	Y

The amendment passed (5 0 1).

Motion to vote on the final version was made by Frank Murphy and seconded by CJ Cole

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	Y
Charles Rials (Co-Chair)	
Brian Ulf	R
Mike Rapkin	Y
CJ Cole	Y
Liz Wright	N
Vicki Halliday	Y

The motion passed (4 1 1)



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Motion 2: Opposing Restrooms on Rose  
Sent to Homeless Committee  
Author: Tore Knos, Email: [venicetore@gmail.com](mailto:venicetore@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas, press reports and city workers have told residents in the Fourth and Rose area that the City intends to install a restroom(s) in the area of Rose Avenue between Fourth and Third; and  
Whereas, this expenditure of City funds has not been submitted to the Venice Neighborhood Council for its information and for its guidance, as required by the Los Angeles City Charter, which requires that neighborhood councils must be informed and allowed to comment on all city budget items before expenditures are made; and  
Whereas, in the past, installed restrooms were removed due to being used for drug use, drug dealing and prostitution, and due to constant unsanitary condition; and  
Whereas, this area is part of the enhanced enforcement zone where the homeless are encouraged to go to the Bridge Housing for transition to permanent housing the installation of the restroom is not compatible with the transition of this area.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council demands that Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin cease and desist in plans to install restroom facilities in the vicinity of Rose Avenue, between fourth and third

It was learned that the referenced restrooms have been installed elsewhere, making this motion moot.

A motion to table it was made by Frank Murphy and seconded by Vicki Halliday.

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	Y
Charles Rials (Co-Chair)	
Brian Ulf	Y
Mike Rapkin	Y
CJ Cole	Y
Liz Wright	Y
Vicki Halliday	Y

Motion passed (6 0 0)



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### Motion 3:

The following motion was made by Liz Wright and seconded by Mike Rapkin

Whereas, for the health of everyone in the City of Los Angeles, wearing a mask is required everywhere except in your own home and outdoors when not in close proximity to others. If your body is invaded by the virus, you become a carrier, infecting those with whom you come into contact. You may or may not become ill yourself. All but surgical masks provide one-way protection – if you are wearing it, you are preventing your breath with possible virus content from being inhaled by the people around you.

Whereas only if everyone wears a mask is the community as safe as possible.

Whereas not everyone, especially the homeless, can afford to buy sufficient masks so they always have a clean one to put on before leaving home.

Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council, through its web site and social media, will encourage stakeholders who sew to make masks to be given to Venice’s homeless population, and the VNC Homeless Committee will set up the logistics for manufacture and delivery.

Frank Murphy (Co-Chair)	Y
Charles Rials (Co-Chair)	
Brian Ulf	Y
Mike Rapkin	Y
CJ Cole	N
Liz Wright	Y
Vicki Halliday	Y

The motion passed (5 1 0)

- 8. 7:55 pm – COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Homeless Committee but not on the Agenda
- 9. 8:00 pm - ADJOURN

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