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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday October 12, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

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Committee members:

1-*Pat Bates: Chair, 2-Laure Stevens 3-Ryan Levey 4-Rochelle Mitchell

Alternate Committee Members:

1 - Alex Garay* 2 - Victoria Miller*

*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:03 Pm with members present Pat Bates, Laure Stevens, and alternate Alex Garay. Members Ryan Levy and Rochelle Mitchell joined prior to discussion and voting on any items.
2. **Approval of Committee minutes.** There were no minutes for approval at this meeting.

3. Report/Presentation from any Agencies/Organizations present:

A. Tiffany Franklin, Director of Regional coordination, LA Family Housing presented, accompanied by Isabel Castillo, Joshua Chung and Kyran O'Green. They did a powerpoint presentation on outreach in the SFV and in Encino, shelters that are available based on catchment area, which are specific to City council districts, best practice for using LA HOP. It was explained that LA HOP outreach in our area is with LAHSA, may take 2-3 days to get there. It's important to give best possible description and contact. Discussion ensued of what to do when help is needed right away, for example with elderly lady on an Encino bus bench. Kyran said that it is good to reach out to LA County Adult protective Services in a case like that (which we had done and which seemed to expedite getting the County out): Adult Protective Services: **LA County Adult Protective Service team provides a system of in person response**, Elder Abuse Hotline Call: 1-877-4R SENIORS (1-877-477-3646). Tiffany noted that we have only about 1/10 of the needed number of beds.

B. Other agencies/departments/NGOs:

1. Nick Gaines from Sen. Henry Stern's office nicholas.gaines@sen.ca.gov a couple updates: CD 4 has received \$7.5 million to fund HOME teams (Homeless Outreach & Mobile engagement) teams. We should contact CD 4 re: these rolling out. Also the Senator authored **SB 1446** to expand the community continuum of mental health care treatment capacity, which has been signed into law. Laure noted toe debris and mess and wondered if Sanitation could be pro-active - Nick said to contact CD 4 or CD 6 regarding increasing Sanitation services.
2. Josef Siroky from Nithya Raman's CD4 office said to keep them informed on issues in our community.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

5. New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.

- A. Motion: The ENC Homelessness Committee recommends that the ENC participate in the 2023 Greater Los Angeles homelessness Count by staffing the Encino deployment center; soliciting volunteers, and requests up to \$250 for related expenses such as snacks for volunteers, printing and other related costs. (Pat/Laure 4 yes/0 no/0 abstentions)*
- B. Motion: The ENC Homelessness committee recommends that the Board file a Community Impact Statement with the City Council, Mayor's Office, and Fire Marshall to request amendment of Ordinance 186294 to expand application to all areas with extreme fire potential that are not in Very High Fire Severity Hazard Zones (e.g. Sepulveda Basin), and further institute an immediate "zero tolerance" policy for any encampments or noticed trespassing in such areas as determined by the LAFD Valley Bureau Commander or designee, subject to criminal trespassing sanctions and immediate removal of persons and any materials deposited in the area by appropriate outreach and sanitation personnel. Any action would reference the ordinance and CF 19-0050. (Pat/Ryan 4 yes/0 no/ 0 abstentions).*
- We discussed the motion, Laure asked if the ordinance applied to only public land. Pat said she would get back to her on that. The discussion digressed into local fire hazards with unkempt palm trees.*
- C. Discussion and possible action: There is discussion and a perception that the number of people experiencing homelessness in Encino has increased. Consider actions to take including collection of data by the ENC, and investigation of factors affecting the increase (if any), and resources to follow up with.*
- This was briefly discussed, we have been noting some new faces but they do not appear to be permanently in Encino.*

6. Informational Items/Reports/Updates

- A. 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count data are published.** For LAHSA data and reports use this [link](#). For the LAHSA informational slides announcing the release use this [link](#). For our initial census-district level count for Encino use this [link](#). Bottom line, the count shows about 30 unsheltered and 17 sheltered (Project Room-Key) individuals in the non-Sepulveda Basin area of Encino, and about 52 in the basin.
- B.** The City Council passed motion [CF 22-0941](#) Motion (de Leon - Blumenfield) relative to requesting the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to provide full access to the Homeless Management Information System, to the Council District Homeless Coordinators. This should be followed up to ensure action.
- C. The city council passed [CF 22-0002-S107](#) Resolution (Raman - Blumenfield) relative to the including in the City's 2021-22 State Legislative Program its position on legislative or administrative action to enact changes to the California Health and Safety Code that will increase the daily reimbursement rate for board and care home residents who receive SSI, SSP, or Medi-Cal. It is unclear whether this was communicated to the State legislators.**
- D.** The City council passed [CF 21-0002-S191](#) requesting that the Governor apply for the §1115 Medicaid waiver to allow for expansion of Medicaid coverage to adults in need of in-patient mental health treatment. The waiver has been requested by many parties - is it being done?
- E.** On 10/7/2022 the Los Angeles city council passed 3 significant motions - CF [22-0978](#) and [22-0979](#) regarding developing 24/7 unarmed response to non-violent situations including homelessness, and [22-0799-S1](#) regarding LAHSA governance issues and reform of the regional homelessness response system. Reports are requested on all.

7. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda

Adjournment at: 6:28 PM **Next Parks and Environment Meeting: TBA**

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