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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 7pm
MINUTES OF MEETING**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7pm. Members present were Patricia Bates and Steven Turner, Co-Chairpersons, members Lauren Telegdy, Jodie Francisco, Janel Bishop, Rochelle Mitchell. Members absent were Heather Rim and Alyssa Boyle. Quorum being 5 it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Minutes of 1/9/19 meeting were approved with corrections of date to 1/9/19 and Lauren Telegdy and Rochelle Mitchell's names.
3. **Old Business (10 min): none**
 - a. Confirm status of Bull Creek area encampment – several of us visited, it is there and growing
 - b. Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count on January 22, 2018 (San Fernando Valley Areas) – How many of us participated? Looks like 2
4. **New Business (60 Min):**

Katie Bull was selected as an alternate to the committee.

 - A. **Homeless count and Services in the Sepulveda Basin MOTION HOM 19 03 001:** The ENC Homelessness Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council (the Board) support the efforts of the Committee to obtain information from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and any other agencies involved regarding the methodology of the homeless count in the Sepulveda Basin including locations surveyed. In addition the Board requests data on deployment of Homeless Engagement Teams (HET) in the Sepulveda Basin including frequency and approximate numbers of individuals contacted. The Homelessness Committee is authorized by the Board to make requests of involved agencies including inquires under the California Public Records Act. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 1. Motion HOM 19 03 001.1 The Encino Neighborhood council, with other interested parties including but not limited to president of the Encino Neighborhood Council Alex Garay, representatives from Los Angeles City Council Districts 5 and 6, and LAPD, will directly embark on a comprehensive census of the homeless population in the Sepulveda Basin. Passed 6-0-0
 - B. **SOLUTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY TRAINING: MOTION HOM 19 03 002:** The Encino Homelessness Committee recommends that the Board support and co-sponsor with 'Everyone In' an Advocacy Training workshop in Encino, including purchase of supplies and refreshments up to \$250. The

decision was to consider having the training an evening Monday to Thursday the week of 4/8/2019.
Motion passed 6-0-0

- C. HOMELESS CONNECT DAY TENTATIVELY APRIL 18, 2019: MOTION HOM 19 03 003:** Allocation of up to \$500 to partner with the Mayor's Office, LA County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl's office and LA Family Housing in support of Homeless Connect Day to be held in the Sepulveda Basin tentatively April 18, 2018. Non-profit agencies as well as governmental agencies will be on site to provide services. Money will be used to provide food at the event. Ms. Bates strongly recommended that committee and other interested persons volunteer to help at the event, as a great way to make connection with their local elected officials. Motion passed 6-0-0
- D. SEARCH FOR POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR BRIDGE HOUSING: MOTION HOM 19 03 04** The Board's Homelessness Committee recommends that the Board support efforts to locate a suitable property for placement of a Bridge Housing facility in or proximate to the Sepulveda Basin, with consideration being given to environmental concerns, flooding risk, and community concerns. Such recommendation would be contingent on the subsequent enforcement of 'no camping' restrictions in all areas of the Sepulveda Basin and clean-up and restoration of the areas damaged by encampments. Further support would be contingent on assurance of provision of all supportive services and security at such a facility. Motion tabled to next meeting.
- E. WEST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD HOMELESSNESS ALLIANCE:** The Encino Neighborhood Council is a participating member in the West Valley Neighborhood Homelessness Alliance (WVNAH). WVNAH has hosted informational forums on homelessness in the west San Fernando Valley, and what is being done about it. The WVNAH will host a forum on June 1, 2019 at One Generation in Reseda, which adjoins our territory. **MOTION HOM 19 03 005** The Encino Neighborhood Homelessness committee requests that the Board share the cost of refreshments for the June 1, 2019 forum in an amount not to exceed \$200. Motion passed 6-0-0
- F. DEDICATED LOS ANGELES RECREATION & PARKS RANGERS IN THE SOUTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY:** Currently Los Angeles Recreation & Parks rangers are stationed only at Hansen Dam to serve the entire San Fernando Valley. Because a significant portion of the Rangers' time is spent dealing with homelessness issues, a consistent presence in the Sepulveda Basin and other south valley areas would benefit the community as a whole. **MOTION HOM 19 03 006:** The Encino Neighborhood Homelessness Committee requests that the Board support creation of a Los Angeles Recreation & Parks ranger station located in the Sepulveda Basin. Motion tabled, will definitely be on Parks agenda and may be reintroduced next month.
- 5. Establish date of next Homelessness Committee Meeting April 3, 2019**
- 6. Adjournment at 8:33 pm**