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**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 @ 7pm

**Encino Community Center Crafts Room
4935 Balboa Blvd. Encino, CA, 91316**

1. Meeting called to order at 1905
2. Members present Patricia Bates, Janel Bishop, Jodie Francisco, Lauren Telegdy, Susan Fink
3. Christopher Givens, representative from Los Angeles City Council District 5 and Alex Garay, president of Encino Neighborhood Council addressed current issues including needs for trash bins in the encampment areas. Also addressed was the fire danger in the encampment areas and possibility of providing fire extinguishers to the encampment areas.
4. Minutes of May 1, 2019 Meeting were approved
5. Old business:
 - a. Report on Count of Homeless Individuals in the Sepulveda Basin initiated by Encino NC Homelessness Committee was reviewed. The surveys of four major encampment areas were conducted in April, and found several hundred encampments and an estimate of around 500 individuals living in the Sepulveda Basin. Concern was expressed regarding sanitation and fire hazard, in addition to concern about the result of sweeps of the area displacing people.
 - b. Locations for Bridge Housing/Sanitation/Storage/Outreach: Inquiry regarding a large paved lot between Haskell Creek and the Tillman facility has been made, we resolved to follow up on this
 - c. Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Northridge Beautification Foundation (\$5,000) was approved by the entire NC and the City. Location and timing of operation were discussed, the operation was just commencing along Balboa Blvd. between Hayvenhurst and the 405 freeway.
 - d. Neighborhood Purposes Grant to HopeMill (\$2000) was approved by the entire NC and the City. This will fund approximately 400 CarePack backpacks which will be filled with food, water, clothing, essential personal care items and information on finding resources. Hope Mill partners with the SPA2 Homeless Services Teams which cover our area.

6. New Business:

- e. Review official 2019 Point-In-Time Homeless Count (Patricia Bates). The detailed census and community data were not available at meeting date, however data organized by Service Planning Area (SPA), Supervisorial District and City Council district was available. It was noted there was a significant increase in the homeless population in LA city (16%) and County (12%). Encino (including Sepulveda Basin) is included in SPA 2, Supervisor District 3 and CD 5 and CD 6. These areas had increases in unsheltered homeless of 12.5%, 16% and 29% respectively, with decreases in the numbers of sheltered homeless resulting in relatively small overall increases. All the homeless in Encino's area are unsheltered.

- a. Resolved to work with City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks and Sanitation Departments to get trash collection, and hopefully some sanitation facilities in major encampment areas.

7. Date of next Homelessness Committee Meeting is August 7, 2019

8. Adjournment at 2045

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