

Meeting summary by Zoom AI Companion

Quick recap

The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Homeless and Social Justice Advocacy Committee met to discuss several key agenda items. The committee approved a draft CIS in support of LA Charter Reform amendments and voted to pursue creating a Nextdoor page for the neighborhood council to better promote homeless resources to the community. They discussed a potential collaboration with Jewish War Veterans for an outreach event to help unhoused veterans, though no final decision was made as they await input from Earl Roth who was unable to attend. The committee also reviewed upcoming events from Loving Hands Children's Home and approved printing resource cards for unhoused neighbors. Dean provided an update on potential collaboration with Covenant House, and the conversation ended with plans to meet again on April 28th.

Next steps

- Dean: Ask the Rotary about potential locations for the unhoused veterans outreach event and report back to the committee.
- Aaron: Email Harry to inquire if the new food pantry space is a separate entity and could host events, and await his response.
- Zoom (Juliette Schwartz): Talk to Earl (Jewish War Veterans) in the morning to get him the proper link for the next meeting and follow up on potential collaboration for the veterans outreach event.
- Zoom (Juliette Schwartz): Send the list of veteran service organizations provided by Earl to the group for further outreach and event planning.
- Aaron: Pick April's brain (Pastor April) about additional homeless service resources and collect handouts for the committee.
- Zoom (Juliette Schwartz): Bring the motion to create a Nextdoor page for the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council to the next full board meeting.
- Zoom (Juliette Schwartz): Bring the approved CIS (Community Impact Statement) in support of LA Charter Reform to the next full board meeting.
- Janiese: Consider tabling at an upcoming event

(e.g., Juneteenth or Polynesian Luau) to request outreach funds and coordinate with the committee/board.

- Committee/Assigned Volunteer: Once resource cards are printed, distribute and post them at relevant community locations (e.g., parks, message boards).
- Aaron: Update the committee at the next meeting regarding any new resources or contacts gathered from Pastor April.
- Dean: Provide an update on Covenant House collaboration at the next meeting following call with Doug Smith.
- Janiese: Share information on LA Charter Reform meetings at the next committee meeting.

Summary

Zoom Settings and Document Access

The meeting focused on technical issues with Zoom settings and document accessibility. Zoom and Reina worked to enable chat functionality and make Reina a co-host to help locate settings. They confirmed that meeting documents, including the agenda and draft CIS LA charter reform, were available on the website for participants to access. The group noted low attendance, with only three current participants and expectations that Melanie might join if her baby situation allowed.

Virtual Meeting Procedure Requirements

The meeting began with Zoom providing a detailed explanation of the virtual meeting procedures required by California Senate Bill 707 and LA City Council File 23-1114. The discussion covered public comment protocols, including dial-in instructions and time limitations, as well as procedures for handling disruptions. The meeting was being recorded and transcribed, with participants including Reina, Dean, and Julia Schwartz, while Melanie and Janis were still joining the session.

Committee Meeting Updates and Approvals

The committee meeting began with the approval of minutes from a March 3rd special meeting held at Platt Library, which was approved unanimously by all present members including Melanie Kirschbaum who had joined later. The chair provided an update on the full board meeting, reporting that two key items - a letter of support and funding for New Friends Homeless Center - were successfully approved and passed. The chair also noted that funding reports had been received for most items, with New Friends' report coming in later the same day after follow-up, and mentioned successful changes to wording in the meeting minutes regarding Loving Hands' eligibility status.

Los Angeles City Council Updates

Lionel provided updates on several Los Angeles City Council actions, including delays to SB79 housing legislation, proposed charter amendments for governance overhaul, and the adoption of ranked choice voting for city races starting in 2032. He also mentioned a motion by Councilmember Monica Rodriguez to prohibit city employees from working in federal immigration jobs and reported on the city's investment in repairing street lights with solar panels. Following Lionel's updates, Zoom and Dean discussed their experiences at The Wall That Heals exhibit at Pierce College, which Dean found moving and educational about the Vietnam War's impact. Zoom expressed interest in collaborating with the Jewish War Veterans who hosted the exhibit to help unhoused veterans.

Veterans Outreach Collaboration Planning

Zoom discussed a potential collaboration with Earl for an outreach event focused on unhoused veterans in the San Fernando Valley neighborhood. The event would involve creating care kits for 100 unhoused veterans at a cost of approximately \$400 and organizing local organizations to provide resources. While considering venues, Zoom noted challenges with using a park due to permit

requirements and potential issues with hosting at a church. The group briefly discussed technical difficulties helping Earl join the meeting and ended with Zoom asking for public comments on the funding motion.

Veterans Care Kit Event Planning

The committee discussed organizing a care kit assembly event for unhoused veterans, with Zoom requesting \$400 to assemble 100 care kits. They explored potential locations, with Dean suggesting that libraries would likely not approve due to risk factors, and the group considering outdoor spaces or private property as alternatives. The discussion highlighted challenges in finding appropriate venues for an event serving elderly and disabled veterans, and Aaron suggested partnering with other neighborhood councils to co-host the event, which was seen as a promising approach.

Veterans Event Planning Discussion

The group discussed organizing an event for veterans, particularly those experiencing homelessness, but decided to table any funding decisions until a location and more details are confirmed. Dean agreed to reach out to the Rotary for potential space options, while Aaron mentioned a newly constructed food pantry space as another possibility. Jadolphus raised important questions

about capacity, security, and support needs for the event, which Zoom acknowledged should be considered carefully. The group noted that typically they support rather than lead events, suggesting they would work with an external organization to host this event.

Event Planning and Support Discussion

The meeting focused on two main agenda items. For the first item regarding supporting an organization's plans, the group agreed to wait for the organization to present their proposals before determining how to provide support, with specific actions assigned to Erin and Dean regarding location inquiries. Janiece presented several upcoming events at Loving Hands Children Home, including a spring celebration, Mother's Day cruise, Juneteenth King's Cookout, and Polynesian heritage luau. The group discussed the possibility of tabling at one of these events using outreach funds, with Janiece expressing willingness to participate but requesting thorough research beforehand to avoid previous issues. The conversation ended with a discussion about writing a CIS in support of LA Charter Reform proposed amendments, though the voting on the draft was not completed in the provided transcript.

Neighborhood Council Charter Amendment Support

The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council voted to support proposed amendments to the Los Angeles City Charter that would strengthen Neighborhood Councils' roles and clarify their rights. The motion passed with 7 yes votes and will be brought to the full board at the next meeting. The council also began discussing the development of a more comprehensive resource list for unhoused neighbors, though the transcript ended before this topic was fully addressed.

Homeless Resource Information Discussion

The team discussed the approval of \$250 for printing resource cards for unhoused neighbors. Adolphus shared his research findings about homeless resources in Woodland Hills, noting that 311 had no registered businesses in the area and that the existing Neighborhood Council website only listed a limited number of resources. Adolphus expressed concern about the lack of comprehensive and easily accessible information for people seeking homeless services in the area.

Woodland Hills Resource Card Planning

The group discussed challenges in creating a comprehensive resource card for the unhoused population in Woodland Hills. Aaron shared his

experience compiling an initial resource list, noting the difficulty in finding relevant organizations and the limited number of services available in the area. Jadolphus suggested using Nextdoor as a platform to share resources, and the group agreed to explore the possibility of creating a Nextdoor page for the neighborhood council to promote available services. Reina explained that implementing new initiatives requires someone to take ownership and execute the plan, highlighting the need for dedicated volunteers to move forward with these ideas.

Nextdoor Page for Community Resources

The committee discussed creating a Nextdoor page for the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council to share community resources, particularly for homeless individuals. Juliette Schwartz moved to create the Nextdoor page, which passed with unanimous support from all committee members. The group also discussed distributing resource cards in local parks and on message boards, with Janiese offering to laminate and post these materials. Dean provided an update on potential collaboration with Covenant House, mentioning a connection with Doug Smith from Rosita Council who is working to bring resources to the area. The next meeting was scheduled for April 28th at the PLATT Library.