



**WHWCNC HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday August 13, 2019–6:30pm -- MINUTES**  
**Woodland Hills Branch, Public Library, Community Room. Floor 2**  
**22200 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91364**

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## **AGENDA**

**Committee Members:** Ray Cole (present), Gina Thornburg (present),

**Alternate Committee Members:** Marc Bender (absent), Zack King (absent)

**Call to Order** at 6:35 p.m.

- Roll Call
- Public Announcements
- Comments from Public Officials
- Approval of Minutes

Stakeholders in attendance: Aaron Williams; Lynn Gilson; Randy Kistler; Joseph Safuto; Sheldon --; Mitch --, Jerred Langford, Josh Raper (of the carpenters union Local 661); Minoo --

**Public comment period:** Jerred Langford of the carpenters union called attention to an initiative run by the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters to help homeless people rebuild their lives: My Brother's Keeper. The union provides these individuals with tools and free apprenticeships. They want more developers to work with them to participate in this program. Mr. Langford noted at least two developers building projects in Woodland Hills will not participate in this program. With 15 to 20 years of development in Warner Center alone, it's unfortunate that none of the general contractors in the southwest Valley participate in apprenticeship programs, noted Mr. Raper. The training center for carpenters is here in the Valley. Carpenters make fair wages, and women get equal pay. Apprentices get increases until they become journeymen.  
<https://www.swctf.org/programs-partnerships/brothers-keeper/>

**Lynn Gilson:** In addition to the weekday food-provisioning operations, the West Valley Food Pantry at Prince of Peace church in Woodland Hills has a variety of services for homeless people on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. These services include two social workers and showers on wheels. The address is 5900 Rudnick Avenue. *The food pantry serves 3,900 people a month.* (Additional info.: The

hours of operation are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to noon.) Prince of Peace also has a community dinner on the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 5 p.m.

<https://www.westvalleyfoodpantry.org/>

Randy Kistler: St. Luke Lutheran Church of Woodland Hills participates, on the third Saturday of the month, in Clean Streets, Clean Starts, where volunteers work alongside homeless people to clean up stretches of local streets.

#### **Item no. (1)**

Discussion:

LAMC 85.02 discussion of parking ordinance, CD 3 support of the ordinance, and the availability of safe parking in the West Valley

Discussion: Several stakeholders expressed support for Safe Parking program sites in the southwest Valley. It was noted that Councilmember Blumenfield's office has opened up a Safe Parking program parking lot behind its field office building. Prince of Peace tried to launch a Safe Parking site but it was "indefinitely delayed" by the city's Safe Parking program. Stakeholder Minoo said that the lines of vehicle dwellers on Variel near Home Depot were "terrifying." There was much discussion about green zones, and new changes in signage prohibiting RVs from parking in commercial zones. Mr. Safuto opined that Safe Parking "is never going to work." Mr. Williams expressed concerns about the mentally ill homeless people and said there is "tons of pushback; people are afraid."

#### **Item no. (2) Upcoming Projects for the Next Fiscal Year. Review of committee approved budget**

**items.** Discussion and possible action:

Discussion of budget items for the upcoming fiscal year, along with reviewing previously approved.

Discussion: Tentative suggested allocations for this fiscal year could include: \$1,000 for a community dinner; \$1,000 for a NPG for the West Valley Food Pantry; \$1,000 for hygiene products for homeless women and girls; \$1,000 for a job fair; and \$1,000 to support a mobile shower for homeless people.

#### **Item no. (3) Homelessness Access Center**

Discussion and possible action:

Discussion of possible access center in CD3 for homeless individuals located in or near Woodland Hills

#### **Item no. (4) West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness and Woodland Hills Homelessness Committee Projects**

Discussion and Possible Action:

Discussion of WVNAH and the Woodland Hills Homelessness Committee partnership

Ray and Gina spoke briefly about WVNAH's latest goal to host a jobs fair. Gina noted that including the carpenters union as a participant would be desirable.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**Public Comment: 2 minutes. Speaker must fill out a speaker card**

**The agenda may be revised prior to the meeting to add further items for discussion**

**Adjournment of meeting:**

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