



## WHWCNC HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday September 17, 2019–6:30pm—Minutes**

**Woodland Hills Branch, Public Library, Community Room, Floor 222200**

**Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91364**

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### **AGENDA**

**Committee Members:** Ray Cole, Gina Thornburg, Aaron Quantz, Komalpreet Bathh (absent), John Sandy Campbell (absent)

Other board member present: Heath Kline

Stakeholders present: Laura Thorne; Aaron Williams

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Item no. (1) Supplemental Impact Statement**

Discussion and possible action:

Supplemental Community Impact Statement - Homeless Encampments in Dense Brush Areas- presented by the Woodland Hills Impact and Policy Committee

Minutes: Discussed and made friendly amendments. The vote approved it with the amendments. It was referred to the whole board.

### **Item no. (2) Community Impact Statement List**

Discussion and possible action:

Discussion of Community Impact Statements relating to homelessness in Woodland Hills.

Minutes: This item was tabled until a future meeting.

### **Item no. (3) Discussion on Safe Parking**

Discussion:

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

Minutes: Comments from the discussion: The committee recognizes the need for safe places for vehicle dwellers to park at night. Because of actions by the LA City Council, people living in vehicles are getting pushed around the Valley, where a disproportionate share of the city's total of vehicle dwellers live. Committee chair Ray Cole noted that the green zones where vehicle dwellers are allowed to park need services, such as waste removal and hygiene stations. In general, committee members expressed a desire to work on fighting for more safe parking places in the NC's jurisdiction. It was noted that Councilmember Blumenfield's office had opened a safe parking area behind his field offices on Vanowen. Mr. Cole and Dr. Thornburg discussed the unfortunate disuse and waste of space of the giant parking lots surrounding the Promenade Mall. A discussion ensued about the possibility of establishing a Safe Parking Program at the Promenade Mall.

### **Item no. (4) Woodland Hills Homelessness Resources**

Discussion and Possible Action:

Discussion of partnering with non-profits/churches to combat homelessness. Also, discussion of the availability of mobile showers in Woodland Hills/CD3 and an access center.

Minutes: The Committee discussed working with a local church or nonprofit to establish a daytime-only drop-in access center for local homeless people. Possible services at an access center would be lunch, showers, laundry, financial literacy classes, and assessment for referral to service providers. Dr. Thornburg will find an exemplar of such a center in the Valley so that committee members may tour it on a fact-finding mission. She had heard in the news that CD 6 had such a center. At the next meeting, she'll report back on this effort.

As part of this effort, committee member Aaron Quantz suggested researching and compiling a list of religious organizations and other nonprofits in the NC's jurisdiction that currently have services for homeless people. The committee wishes to map these resources. Dr. Thornburg knows people who do GIS mapping. The idea is that having the information of what is currently available will help plan for the establishment of an access center.

**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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