

5/28/2024-Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Social
Justice and Homeless Committee Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chairperson, Reina Cerros McCaughey, and rules read.

Present: (Committee Members and Guests)

- Reina Cerros McCaughey
- Dean Mathew
- Harry Sherman
- Masha Dowell
- Shelly Schwartz

Item 1:

Harry Sherman read the item.

-According to Seth Samuels from Councilmember Blumenfield's office via a previous communication, the construction of the Woodlake Apartment; a Workforce Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing project, is on its way and has broken ground.

There will be 75 units.

The People Concern will be supplying wrap around services and will assist with tenant move-ins once the project is complete in late 2024.

-The Valley Village Project in Woodland Hills, a PSH apartment for Unhoused Seniors is stuck in the City's Building and Safety

Department due to an unknown compliance issue. Also, there are some current tenants that are refusing to leave.

Item 2:

-Read by Dean Matthew.

-He introduced Stacey Mosley from 'Moms Demand Action', a national organization that advocates for gun control and gun safety. Guns are now the #1 cause of child deaths in the USA.

-June 7th will be 'National Gun Violence Awareness Day'. People are encouraged to wear orange clothing on that day to show support of gun control.

-A fundraising and awareness event will be held on June 2nd. Food, gift cards and other intend to be donated to the West Valley Food Pantry and Haven Hills.

Next Item:

-Jessica Martinez from the San Fernando Valley Healing Project at Dignity Health lead a training in the new QPR (Question-Persuade-Refer) program. This is much like CPR for Suicide

Prevention.

Item 3:

-Harry Sherman read his shorter draft of the committee Mission Statement. The Mission Statement was approved for posting on our committee webpage.

Item 4:

-Masha Dowell read the list of service providers that she compiled for the committee webpage. It was suggested that we add West Valley Food Pantry and Haven Hills. Committee members were asked to add to the list and email the information to Reina.

Item 5:

-Discussion of the Mayor's CIRCLE program. A previous conversation with David Bright from Mayor Bass' office told us that the new budget will dictate whether it will make it to the West Valley this year.

-Harry Sherman continue the discussion on item 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.