

# HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, June 7, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO ACTION, INCLUDING A VOTE TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT.

1. CALL TO ORDER -- 7.02

2. ROLL CALL P A

Louis Abramson	X	
Eman Al-Hassan	X	
Nyesha Brown-Love		X

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT on non-agenda items

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. (Up to two minutes per speaker.)

#### 4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- a) Approval of May minutes. (2 min)
  - Abramson moves, Al-Hassan seconds; passes unanimously.
- b) Welcome to Nye Brown-Love as new committee stakeholder member and discussion of potential roles. (5 min)
  - Tabled
- c) Discussion of internal protocols for obtaining/processing future agenda items. (5 min)
  - Google doc reviewed on the Wednesday preceding the next committee meeting.

### 5. ACTION ITEMS, including discussion and possible action items

 a) Comprehensive review of professional, volunteer, government, and nonprofit homelessness-related activities in Hollywood and CHNC's participation therein. (30 min)

- [Abramson -- goes through list]
- Lechuga -- new to homelessness services; public space management different
  than managing LA Convention Center [former job]; homelessness is #1 issue in
  our area. Goal for 2021 is to reduce armed security presence; achieved that goal;
  hired homeless outreach director + 2 employees (previously had 1 full time + 1
  part time worker). Engage every day; developed special projects team to engage
  homeless people + outreach workers specifically around sanitation (5a--2p);
  trying to mitigate situation. Last month, pulled out around 58 tons of trash from
  encampments + trash cans, more than any time in past 3 years.
- b) Discussion of a <u>new unarmed crisis response system</u> contracted by LA City to Urban Alchemy. (10 min)
  - Reuben Lechuga [The Hollywood Partnership] -- security, cleaning, homeless, outreach lead; has attended a few meetings w/ Mayor's Office related to this plan. Is concerned re: possible July 1 launch date. His team are first responders; at times have to call 9-1-1 due to various circumstances. Is trying to build a connection w/ Urban Alchemy; predicts a good relation ship if they become "9-1-1" for nonviolent incidents and perform general outreach to unhoused people. Wants to hear from Hollywood providers/stakeholders re: what they want the program to be. Appreciate the lived experience of Urban Alchemy employees; somewhat concerned re: their specific training.
  - Abramson -- say more about the double duty [9-1-1 + general outreach]?
  - Lechuga -- I don't have much! Both will be under Mayor's Office aegis. Still looking for a dispatch center in Hollywood.
  - Abramson -- it will be 24/7
  - Lechuga -- unclear if they will be responding to incidents inside someone's residency.
  - Al-Hassan -- this is also all I've heard; a long time coming, the right idea, the direction Hollywood + LA wants to head in, but can't just arbitrarily redirect police calls to an unknown entity.
  - Mark Jarmus [stakeholder] -- We know what LAPD+LAFD looks like; do we know who these people are/will be/identifiable?
  - Al-Hassan -- should have name and badge and have accountability same as police, etc.
  - Lechuga -- invite COO Bayron to next CHNC meeting + Brain Beuchner for more info.
- c) General discussion of homelessness related matters of interest to committee members or stakeholders. (5 min)
  - No comments from stakeholders.

## 6. COMMENTS by Committee Members

Committee members may provide a brief statement of activities or request an item to be placed on a future agenda.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT -- 7.51

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