

## CITY CLERK'S RECORD OF MEETING

City Council Subcommittee on Homelessness  
December 15, 2022

Present: Mayor Lauren Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Sepi Shyne, Assistant City Manager Oscar Delgado, Director of Human Services & Rent Stabilization Christof Schroeder, Director of Community Safety Danny Rivas, Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck, Social Services Program Administrator Katie Egan, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator Elizabeth Anderson, Social Services Supervisor Leslie Isenberg, Property Development Manager Brian League, Project Development Administrator Alicen Bartle, Emergency Management Coordinator Margarita Kustanovich, Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales, and Administrative Specialist IV Alyssa Poblador.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 A.M.

### Item 4.A. Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting Dates for 2023

The Subcommittee members approved the City Council Subcommittee on Homelessness Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023 and rescheduled the December 28, 2023 meeting to two weeks prior, on December 14, 2023.

### Items from Subcommittee Members:

Mayor Meister reported her attendance at the Holloway Interim Housing Project meeting with the business community and Chamber of Commerce. She expressed the value of these meetings for disseminating accurate information amidst the misinformation being circulated.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired if this meeting was recorded and requested that the link be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to businesses.

### Items from Staff:

- Holloway Interim Housing Program Update

Alicen Bartle and Brian League provided an update stating this item would be going to the Planning Commission that evening for the general plan consistency finding purchase of Laurel House and approval of the development agreement. The item was scheduled to be heard at City Council on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on February 6<sup>th</sup> and expected to close in early March 2023. Staff indicated an RFP had been released for architectural services to begin renovation as soon as the City receives title to the property.

Oscar Delgado further inquired if Brian League was aware if the Holloway meeting was recorded; Corri Planck stated she would confirm with her team.

- Homeless Initiative Community Engagement

Corri Planck shared that the outreach to the community of the intended use of Holloway was ongoing, as well as the meeting hosted by the City last Monday. Businesses and residents were present, information from business development partners was collected, and all attendees were emailed individually as well as Chamber of Commerce contacts. Staff also walked the immediate triangle around the Holloway and provided invitations and information on who to call if businesses are experiencing impacts of homelessness. Staff indicated the next few months would involve planning on the operation of the facility in partnership with the business community, residents, and consultants. Lastly, Ms. Planck shared that the LAHSA Homelessness Count will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

- UCLA Homeless Health Mobile Unit

Elizabeth Anderson provided an update regarding the collaboration with UCLA Health to bring their mobile health clinic to West Hollywood monthly to serve community members experiencing homelessness to our parks and open spaces. An MOU and partnership was established between UCLA and the City of West Hollywood.

The team spoke of piloting two locations before they settle on their final schedule. Outreach teams are informing this decision through word of mouth, Block by Block, Fire, and Sheriffs Department. The first community clinic took place on December 5<sup>th</sup> and they will test Plummer Park on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. The hope is for twice per month at Plummer Park or West Hollywood Park. The clinic offers doctors and nurses, and provides urgent care, wound care, medical screenings, preventative care, vaccinations, and chronic medical conditions care. This mobile clinic at our parks where community members can drop in satisfies our health equity priorities and reduces barriers of access to care. Our collaborative partners are LGBT Center, Saban, and Cedars Sinai.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne expressed her appreciation for this partnership to staff and collaborators. She inquired if Block by Block training was provided, and the types of written communication distributed regarding this new service.

Ms. Anderson responded that efforts would first be word of mouth conversations and later evolve to address the needs observed by the pilot program. UCLA provided a flyer with next dates available to teams for distribution. At Plummer Park, Seeds of Hope coordinated their produce distribution with the outreach team to cross-refer and work together. The teams at the Library will also receive finalized pamphlets from UCLA to distribute.

Finally, staff stated these health care services are provided at no cost to the walk-up, the person does not need ID, and no government documentation will be asked of them. The goal was to provide health services with no barriers to access.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne suggested including LGBT Center, Unique Women's Coalition, TransLatin@ Coalition, and all the appropriate entities associated with the City. She also recommended digital information at bus stops and via Communications press releases to local newspapers.

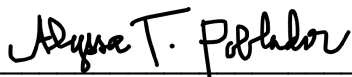
Mayor Meister asked if mental health services were also provided, and Ms. Anderson responded that community members can telehealth connect with psychiatrists and have access to prescribed medications based on their condition. Furthermore, UCLA's goal was to ultimately connect someone to a medical home and regular case management. The Mayor also inquired if a contact would be present to assist unhoused community members to apply for Medical or Medicare benefits, and Ms. Anderson stated UCLA has social work case care with the mobile clinic.

Corri Planck reiterated there was no cost to the City as well as no cost to the client associated with the services and stated the newer Block by Block staff and the Chamber of Commerce had the materials to distribute as of yesterday. Per Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne's suggestion, the Strategic Initiatives Division would share this information with the neighborhood watch groups.

Leslie Isenberg updated the subcommittee that the SOVA Program out of Jewish Family Services will provide a weekly food distribution pop-up to serve our unhoused community members at Plummer Park beginning on December 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Mayor Meister suggested providing personal hygiene products and blankets.

Corri Planck added that hygiene products as well as rain gear, like ponchos and sleeping bags have been distributed by our partner agencies and commented that the City will be utilizing 10% of parking meter revenues at the end of the year to purchase additional items.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M. to the next subcommittee meeting on February 23, 2023 at 8:30 AM via teleconference.



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