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Housing and Public Safety Committee Meeting

February 9, 2021

6pm – 8pm

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81022281254>

MINUTES

1. Call to order and welcome by Sara Steffan, Paul Jenkins, and Brian Dyer at 6:00 pm
2. Discussion and possible action to recommend writing a CIS in SUPPORT IF AMENDED [of CF 20-1042: City Zoning Code Update / Ballot Measure \(Martinez\)](#) calling for an “equitable distribution of new housing around the city based on high quality jobs, transit, and historic housing production.”
 - Community plan has jurisdiction over everything – updating the community plan should take precedent
 - The Community Plan will be heard on February 18
 - Agree any land use or rezoning issues should not be a ballot measure
 - Should be updating continually by charter
 - Community plans need to interlock with the general plan
 - New report by UCLA: Anti-eviction mapping project
 - End of last year “Vacancy report: How LA leaves homes empty and people unhoused”
 - Desire to ask for a vacancy tax to shake out the vacancy stock already
 - Former Councilmember Ryu’s motion for vacancy tax never got scheduled for committee

- The onus on the city to make mass transit a priority when developing dense areas to reduce parking burdens which increase the costs of construction and rents
- Lost an opportunity in TOC to ask for more affordable units - No replacement value – RSO
 - Discussed asking for an amendment to TOC requiring more affordable units; developers should have to put more in than they've taken out
 - Instead of updating and clarifying TOC, we keep piling on with the Zoning Code
- Determined the council motion to be too vague for HHWNC board to take any action on.

Resource on housing Construction based on Neighborhood Council Area:

- <https://public.tableau.com/profile/anthony.dedousis#!/vizhome/NewHousingUnitsbyNeighborhood-LosAngeles/NewHomesbyNeighborhood2013-19>
3. Discussion and possible action to recommend writing a CIS in SUPPORT of [CF 21-0031 \(Bonin/Raman\)](#), which would modify the CARE/CARE+ street cleaning and outreach protocols to conform with CDC guidelines.

- Public comment yielded desire for support of this motion
- Conversation around whether police may be necessary for mental health enforcement
- Scheduling of sanitation is changing; each council station gets one sanitation truck
- How pragmatic is it based on resources, budget cuts, and how can we take advantage of promise by Biden that there is funding for homeless programs
- Suggested motion may be conditional on LASAN or partner agencies allocate budget for mobile showers, bathrooms, COVID testing, etc.
- There has been an elimination of CARE operations which is non-posted spot checks; CARE+ would continue
- CORE team is different than a patrol officer
- Hollywood is unique with the CORE team - 8 officers plus a detective engaging with people experiencing homelessness and connecting them with services
- Sean Starkey from CD13 comments:
 - Hiring freeze at the City
 - Law enforcement not currently in use
 - Only called when needed
 - Many times, they operate without LAPD's presence
 - Most people at LAPD would agree they should not be the PoC for people experiencing homelessness because it's not a crime-based thing

- City takes back mental health services from the county so that a third party would be
 - Suggested follow-up questions included:
 - Where is the funding? Can you identify nonprofits where people have been trained to respond?
 - Desire to identify funding and partner agencies
 - Mental health partners should be part of the equation
 - CD11 has platform for formulating how this work
 - Are PET Services listed on our public safety page – not yet, but Councilmember Raman’s site does, excellent resources
 - **Action:** Vote 10-1 to send motion to the board: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Board support Council File #21-0031 Bonin/Raman.
4. Review of the new HHWNC Homelessness Resource page ([Links to Issues on People Experiencing Homelessness](#) and the City Attorney’s page and its Q&A).
5. Public comment on non-agenized items
- Potential future Housing and Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss:
 - CF 20-0197 on social housing: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0197_mot_02-12-2020.pdf
 - Full utilization of Project Roomkey now that Biden’s office to action that 100% of funds be retroactively refundable by FEMA
 - CF 20-1603, 20-1607: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1603_mot_12-15-2020.pdf; https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1607_mot_12-15-2020.pdf
6. Adjournment at 8:25 pm