



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Homeless Committee Agenda

Meeting Date: Monday, August 14th, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Venice Public Library, Venice, CA 90291

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1. 6:30 pm – Call to Order and Roll Call

Will Hawkins (Chair)			
Matt Shaw			
Brian Ulf			
Hollie Stenson			
Sunny Bak			
Kip Pardue			

2. 6:35 pm – Approve Agenda as presented or amended

3. 6:40pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended

4. 6:45 pm – ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. 6:50 pm -- PUBLIC COMMENT – 5 minutes on non-agendized items related to Homeless Committee only

6. 7:00pm – Chairman’s Report- (5 mins)

7. 7:10 pm – Share LA presentation by Program Director Jason Robison

8. 7:25 pm – Motion for Street Donations

Motion: Driving Donations to Professional Service Providers

Whereas, professional homeless service organizations, city officials, and law enforcement all agree that street donations of food, clothing, and other items often do more harm than good by disrupting the process of helping people get off the street -- creating dangerous and unclean environment for both the housed and unhoused, and costs the city tens of thousands of dollars a year in street cleanup and trash collection costs.

Be it resolved that the VNC sign the attached letter to be handed out to those making street donations asking them to partner with Venice service agencies instead of dropping donations on the street.

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Hello,

Thank you for supporting our neighborhood and taking time to give back to those in need! As you may know, the homeless population has a variety of needs, and it is with your help and support that we will be able to help get these needs met, and help our homeless neighbors get off of the street.

Right now there are multiple efforts to feed, clothe, and provide resources to the homeless people of Venice. Donating items or distributing food on your own might seem like a good idea but these activities can create undue barriers to professional outreach teams who are trying to convince people that the streets are not a place meant for permanent habitation. Your donations can be much more effective if you coordinate with a one of the professional service agencies here in Venice!



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Rather than donating items directly to those on the street, these professionals ask that you provide your support by coordinating with local service organizations and outreach teams, so that our homeless neighbors can have their basic needs met, as well as be provided an opportunity to get connected to other resources, with housing being the ultimate goal.

With your help, we can make a major impact to get people off the streets, and into permanent housing!

Sincerely,

Venice Neighborhood Council

9. 7:34 pm - Old Business

10. 7:50 pm -- New Business

11. 8:00pm -- ADJOURN

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