

VNC Homeless Committee Mtg – 8/14/17:

1. Roll Call:
 - a. Will – absent.
 - b. Matt, Brian, Hollie, Sunny, Kip – in attendance.
2. Agenda Approved – Sunny 1st, Hollie 2nd
3. Approved Minutes of last mtg – Hollie 1st, Sunny 2nd
4. Announcements: none.
5. Public comment: Just one question: Q: Have we reviewed the city plan on homeless housing? Relative to Thatcher yard and parking area. A: Not officially, however they can reach out to Will.
6. Chairman's report: none, since Chairman not in attendance.
7. Jason Robison from SHARE, presentation: Discussed their program for collaborative housing. Notes below:
8. Motion for Street Donations: Initial Motion: Kip – 1st, Hollie 2nd

Then, Shaw presented the substitute motion. Brian 2nd

Public comment – Ivan: be careful of saying “everyone agrees” this is the way to do it

Shaw: ok we can strike the word “all”

Ivan: change “The VNC shall send” should be the language

Shaw: ok changed

Shaw: we are going to add the names of some agencies in Venice on the back

Vote: PASSED unanimous. 5-0

9. Old business: none.
10. New business: Hollie: connect Share with Humble Design. Sunny: neighborhood wash program: Laundry Love – certain hours for homeless and needy. Sunny to reach out to Will and draft a motion.
 - a. Public comment: Ivan – Congress of Neighborhoods. Slaying the NIMBY dragon: changing public's perception re: homelessness. VNC can do this...change public perceptions.
11. Adjourned @ 7:29pm.

SHARE NOTES:

People who have income (social security, etc.) can use their income for their housing so they don't have to wait for a housing voucher.

877-SHARE-49 to get housing. Between 1-3pm. The people who answer the phone ALSO have experience with homelessness.

Another flyer discussing how to refer people.

They have 39 houses across LA County – in terms of units, it's about 7.5 people per house.

They can house people IMMEDIATELY – same day service.

People tend to move out within 60 days b/c they're no longer ashamed and they reach out to family.

Some stay around 18-24 months

At any given time, 100s of people in housing

As of today, 24 vacancies

If owner can't work with certain people, they move them to a vacancy they keep open on a rolling basis.

Worked with the Wellers. Moved 82 people to housing not in Venice – people \$450 - \$550/month to share a bedroom, and in Venice, it's more like \$750-\$850/month
LAHSA has granted a pilot program for a housing program in Venice.

Volunteers call the owners looking to rent out their single family homes. B/c it's 2 people per room, the owners often get more money – and can then cover their mortgage.

In LA, we need to look to single-family housing to since it wasn't built like NYC or Chicago.

Some people buy a home through SHARE. Give them a price point and then they work to get the house....owner secures the loan.

Veterans who are in permanent supportive housing are 40% more likely to commit suicide, rather than community housing.

More problems come from people living alone in a room b/c they go in their room and lock the door.

People in community housing have more support all around, and use all parts of the house.

SHARE supports them through these housing issues to figure out conflict resolution.

Residents make the rules.

Research shows that people do NOT need their own space, but rather do better with support and community.

This model includes community integration and therefore learn to not live on government support.

Their outcomes are who you become.

They have reports that show that if people on government support know at least ONE person not on govt. support, they are more likely to get off that support.

DMH stats: only .3% of people with mental health issues get jobs. However, 23% of their people coming out of SHARE with mental health issues get jobs.

GR: General Relief. If you have this, you get a housing subsidy that covers up to \$550.

30% of people on the streets have income.

In their model, it's easy to sustain \$550/month whereas it's hard to maintain for most of these folks.

Property owners do not want to rent Section 8. It's too complicated b/c they have to arbitrate with city housing.

If you have a voucher, and you get evicted, you don't get a voucher for another 7 years.

If the property gets damaged, then they get blacklisted.

LAHSA is trying to get vouchers able to utilize for sharing a room.