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**Board of Officers Agenda – Special Meeting on Homeless To Homes Program
Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:30 PM**

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Except where otherwise noted, the President abstains.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (6:45pm)

Linda Lucks reviews purpose and rules for special meeting. Joe Murphy calls roll. A quorum (almost all of Board) is present.

2. Approval of the Agenda Motion passes.

3. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on Agenda. (10 min) (6:50pm)

Theresa Diethen – Children & education need funding, Go back to constitutional gov't. need to discuss with CA-36 candidates.

Chief Soaring Eagles – have lived on beach last 8 yrs, am 62, seen all kinds of crime. Thought we were free. Venice will be free one day.

Eden Andesa – 'let my sign talk' about the lies of Bill Rosendahl.

Kimberly Longora – don't need to be told where to move to (Pres. Lucks asks her to move this comment to the time allotted for the subject, later)

David Bush donates his time to Dianne Butler

Dianne Butler – No way going to blame this on Bill Rosendahl only. What is Venice about? Had a heart, rich & poor side by side. Going to lose one of the few places these seeds can be sown.



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Stewart Oscars – announce event “Conversation on Nonviolence & Civility in Public Discourse”, including speakers Mark Ridley-Thomas and others, 6:30pm Weds. March 23rd

Bradford Eckhardt – rather comment during agenda'd item.

4. New Business

A. Presentations

Mike Bonin, chief of staff for Councilman Rosendahl, introduces Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, LA CD-11.

Bill Rosendahl – Thanks for event. This is pilot program, Venice only community looking at 85.02. Looking to keep people in the 11th. Goal to get people to permanent housing, so hired PATH. Hearing tomorrow (3/23) at his Transportation Committee. Hope to develop the ordinance for committee approval and then City Council approval by April 13th. Introduces Joel Roberts of PATH.

Linda Lucks – reviews options

Mike Bonin – may not want to see how laws are made, long process. This is not about one issue, but many. No one is 100% right or 100% wrong. Reviews process history so far, and describes the current ordinance proposal, which parks up to 10 RVs in each of two public city lots, at Westchester CD11 office and in West LA. Several other features (buffer zone, lot cap) described. First, need to prove this works. In these 2 lots, to help people living in cars and RVs find a home.

Joel Roberts (PATH) – We don't have enough housing. So we need to find some. A parking lot is not a destination, but this will work if we find secure permanent housing. Has about 50 housing vouchers. Done this in Hollywood, Long Beach, the vouchers is the hardest part. Several people in cars and RVs already called, say they're ready to go.

Linda Lucks - % of respondents, w/ what backgrounds?

Rudy Salinas (PATH) – (Dir. Of Outreach) Stats from PATH & St Joseph's canvas from last fall: 150 vehicles. 56 individuals interviewed. 46% medically vulnerable (24 individuals, 18 were tri-morbid) Average ~4 yrs homeless. 75% male. 17 emergency room visits for 6 persons in 3 months. 17% were Vets, half also vulnerable, at least two eligible for VA service. 19 of 56 had been housed in Venice before being homeless, 10 of 56 came to Venice based on perceived safety, 7 of 56 has homes elsewhere before becoming homeless.

B. Questions and Answers from Public (7:30 pm)

Arthur Bright – alarmed at stats, only 1/3 of these folks. Any background checks on recipients?

Rudy Salinas (PATH) – ask the persons for their background...it can affect where they're allowed to live.

Rebecca hawksley – been homeless 4 months. Had a home, have kids in college. Not all the same. There's a sense of urgency, worst situation of life.

Tova Kitron – prob is proposition is very vague. Where's supervision? Why not straight to housing?

Mike Bonin (CD-11) – vague: Mtg tomorrow for amendments. Another public hearing on 4/13. Straight to housing: **Joel** – govt-subsidized housing not simple.

Steve Burns – would be laughed out for trying to build a 40-unit development w/o plumbing or sewer. 85.11 needs a sunset, 3 yrs.

Lisa Lubachansky – avail of housing not only problem. Where's program for drug/alcohol problems?

Rudy (PATH) – PATH gets the clientlinked to other agencies

CJ Cole – in favor of ordinance with suggested amendments, wants amdmnts brought back to community. What % of vehicle pop can PATH get into housing. **Rudy** reiterates contact stats from earlier.



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Mark Ryavec – (Joe Murphy asks for Mark to have more than one minute, Mark chaired committee that this ordinance was developed for. Linda Lucks says no.) Pres. Of Venice Stakeholders Assoc. Encouraged by ordinance, but doesn't like the 50' set-back, possible probs later.

Stewart Oscars – considering a sunset clause? And sunset of participation if people are not making effort in the transition?

Joel (PATH) – We'll know they're motivated, because there's housing. Will discourage staying in the pkg lots.

Mike Bonin (CD-11) – a lot of program not in ordinance: no drugs or alcohol, no loud music, that kind of thing. PATH's contract is finite, so end's automatically.

More public comment and questions continued until 8:45pm

Included, in order: Alex Rose, Captain Peters (LAPD), Nadine Parkos, Eden Andes, Sean Suv, Renee Kaplan, Lisa Green, Desiree Hawkins, David Ewing, Jim Smith, David Bush, Darryl DuFay, Darlene Knoll, Jeremy Alcock, Dede Audet, Mark Standring, Audrey McNamara, Chief Soaring Eagles, Natasha Watson (w/ her daughter), Theresa Diethin, Dianne Butler, Abraham Butler, Brandon Williams, Rick Fiebusch, Bradford Eckhart, marie Hammond, Barbara Gibson, Karen Wolfe, Sue Kaplan, Gila Standring, Mike Hurd, Michael Hunt, Paul Baptiste, Howard Girardin, Eric Turnbull

C. Discussion and possible action regarding "Draft ordinance LAMC 85.11 – Roadmap to Housing"

Board Discussion

Carolyn Rios – moves to support the original ordinance 85.11, Amanda seconds.

Linda Luck – explains process for discussion.

Board members asked questions of presenters, received responses.

Board members participating in discussion included, in order, Marc Saltzberg, Pete Thottam, Amanda Seward, Ira Koslow, Mariana Aguilar, Daffodil Tyminski, Linda Lucks, Ivonne Guzman, Joe Murphy, Scott Kramarich, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Cindy Chambers, Kelley Willis.

Carolyn Rios – changes her motion to general letter of support, since we don't have the language that will be in the ordinance.

Discussion of new position by Marc Saltzberg, Clark McCutcheon, Mariana Aguilar, Jed Pauker
Linda Lucks - (9:50pm) Hears that the Board will not vote for motion tonight. We should at least write a letter, or we'll have no voice.

Ira Koslow – Rosendahl's here, heard it all. We can't write a letter in five minutes.

Joe Murphy – agrees with Ira

Marc Saltzberg – apparently, ordinance as-is unacceptable, even to Rosendahl's office, so he moves to vote against it. Carolyn seconds motion.

Amanda Seward – disagrees, ordinance only needs a couple of changes

Joe Murphy – voting on anything would be a mistake.

Clark McCutcheon – Can I move that we don't vote on any motions tonight?

Pete Thottam - moves to postpone Marc's motion, Ira seconds.

Vote to postpone Marc's motion passes 11-4-0

Bill Rosendahl's having a meeting tomorrow at 2pm

Linda Lucks – thanks to the set-up crew, and to Bill Rosendahl and his staff and PATH for staying.

10PM – Adjourned.



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