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Homelessness Committee Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2021, 7:00pm

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting started at 7:04PM

Board Committee Members Present: Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Olga Lexell, Sophia French

Other Board Members Present: Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Jon Lieberman, Gloria Dioum

Committee Members not Present: Brian Warman, Richard Bloom Guests: Mayra Guevara

II. General Public Comment & Brief Committee Announcements

Vote on Laurie Levine joining the committee: (0 objections) Vote on Baila Romm joining the committee: (0 objections)

Baila mentioned that 8755 W. Olympic Blvd is interested in becoming Bridge Housing

III. New Business

Item 1. Draft Meeting Minutes

Terrence moved to approve draft meeting minutes from 21 December 2020. Olga seconded. Vote: 4-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved (Barry, Olga, Sophia, Terrence).

Item 2. Identify Funding for Navigation Center

Olga moved to write a letter to Council members Koretz and Ridley Thomas requesting that they open council files similar to CF 20-1607 to identify funding for opening a navigation center in CD5 and/or CD10 for people experiencing homelessness. Terrence seconded.

Terrence suggested inviting service providers to next meeting to find out what resources are currently available, and what the process is to get people those services to identify holes that would require a navigation center.

Terry moves to table motion. (No seconds)

Barry moves to amend the motion: The first step should be to reach out to organizations that are already involved for fact finding before we write the letter with the intention of writing the letter asking for services to navigate the system. Olga seconds. Vote: 5-Y, 0-N, 0-A (Barry, Olga, Sophia, Terrence, Laurie). Amendment approved.

Final vote: 5-Y, 0-N, 0-A (Olga, Barry, Sophia, Terrence, Laurie). Item approved as amended.

Item 3. Identify Existing Resources

Olga moved to assemble a list to put up on our website of all local resources in SORO for those experiencing homelessness. Terrence Seconded.

Barry moves to amend the motion: Update the resources page on the SORO website to include all resources, federal, state, and local, that provide resources for the homeless and general population. Olga seconded.Vote: 5-Y, 0-N, 0-A (Olga, Barry, Sophia, Terrence, Laurie). Amendment approved.

Baila rejoined meeting

Final vote: 6-Y, 0-N, 0-A (Olga, Barry, Sophia, Terrence, Laurie, Baila). Item approved as amended.





Item 4. Documenting Homeless Individuals

Terrence moves to create documentation of individuals experiencing homelessness in the 5th and 10th council districts. Olga seconded.

Terrence mentioned that CES (Coordinated Entry System) already exists to gather this information.

Terrence moves to amend the motion: Request demographic information of people experiencing homelessness in SORO from council district offices. Olga seconded. Vote: 6-Y, 0-N, 0-A (Olga, Barry, Sophia, Terrence, Laurie, Baila). Amendment approved.

Final vote: 6-Y, 0-N, 0-A (Olga, Barry, Sophia, Terrence, Laurie, Baila). Item approved as amended.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.