

**NORTH WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL HOMELESSNESS AND COMMUNITY
HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Monday September 21, 2020, 06:00 to 07:30pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call (*1 minute*)
 - a. The meeting is called to order at 6:02 PM. The following people are present (official committee members starred): Noreen Ahmed*, Ada Chung*, Roxanne Stern, Kendall Kaufman*, Gabriella Rigonati*, Rohini Nott, Devin Yaeger*, Andrew Lewis*, Joey Russel*, Kyros Yip*, Divine Johnson*, Jayesh Menon*, Nuha Khalfay*, Nahian Arfin* and Jeff ...
2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (*4 minutes*)
 - a. Comment on Koretz denying zoning reform, request for inquiry on future agenda.
 - b. Comment on possibility of hosting town hall in the future, for all CD5 candidates
3. Announcements/comments by representatives including but not limited to: (*5 minutes*)
 - K-Town for All
 - Street Watch LA
 - 'Everyone In'
 - Westwood Neighborhood Council
 - Westwood Village Improvement Association
 - Safe Parking UCLA
 - Office of Paul Koretz
4. Review of CHHC 2020-2021 priorities and goals (*20 minutes*)

a. Homelessness

i. Sweeps/ticketing unhoused residents goals:

1. Create at least 5 Community Impact Statements on issues surrounding sweeps and/or ticketing.
2. Have a CHHC member regularly attend Services Not Sweeps weekly meetings to stay updated and check in with organizers on how our NC can support.
3. Determine one concerted effort NWWNC can make against sweeps in coordination with at least two other nearby NCs.
4. Comments for these goals:
 - a. Question: How could neighborhood councils provide housing/extra spaces for unhoused to stay (cooling shelters, etc.)?
 - b. Comment: Create a neighborhood watch to document where unhoused were in neighborhood councils, what they are doing, etc.
 - c. Comments: Four comments disagreeing with the idea to document/watch the unhoused. Mentioned disagreement on civil rights grounds, surveilling a group already monitored and surveilled by the state, need to treat unhoused humanely.
 - d. Comments: Work with other organizations, such as BAR, which assists the unhoused in the Westwood area by doing direct outreach with the unhoused.
 - e. Comment: Immediate need for resources or cooling shelters in Westwood, rather than long term projects.
 - f. Comment: Need for NCs to bridge divides on issues relating to homelessness, frustration at occurrences like the boulders used to try and prevent the unhoused from living under an underpass in another neighborhood council district.
 - g. Comment: Need to educate the public on systemic issues causing homelessness, and the fact that homelessness is not a personal failing but a societal one.
 - h. Comment: Some grassroots orgs, such as Services not Sweeps coalition and others, do temporary emergency/supportive housing.
 - i. Comment: Look into possibly buying tents for the unhoused.
 - j. Comment: Talk to local unhoused community members to see if they need tents.
 - k. Comment: Need to talk and interact with unhoused community members to determine their wants and needs and how best to assist them.

ii. Housing, health and resources goals

1. Skipped, will discuss next meeting

iii. UCLA Homelessness goals

1. Skipped, will discuss next meeting

- b. Tenants Rights
 - i. Evictions goals
 - 1. Have a meeting with both the Westwood local of the LA Tenants' Union and with the UCLA Tenants' Union to learn how best the committee can assist their advocacy and what their priorities are for the coming year.
 - 2. Regularly meet with these groups every 1-2 months to continue this collaboration.
 - 3. Host a Tenants' rights town hall with these groups and possibly the UCLA student government to inform tenants of their rights and how they can get involved in tenants organizing. If the two local groups feel another activity is a better collaboration, consider that instead.
 - 4. Comment: Andrew Lewis has contact for both of these organizations, can assist the committee members working on this issue in reaching out.
- c. Support for Westwood's disabled community
 - i. UCLA specific goals
 - 1. Stay in contact with UC Access Now and UCLA Disabled Student Union through meetings with these groups
 - 2. Have members from UC Access Now attend Homelessness and Community Health Meetings for advocacy efforts
 - 3. Work with the USAC Facilities commissioner to collaborate on these issues as well.
 - 4. Comment: Upcoming meeting related to these issues with (insert group here)
 - ii. Sidewalk/architecture goals
 - 1. Provide safe streets and sidewalks for Westwood Community through GIS mapping (in partnership with UCLA Facilities Commissioner) via weekly meetings
 - 2. Acknowledge presence of scooters on the sidewalk and how it affects the Westwood community
- d. Support for Westwood's business community goals
 - i. Stay in touch with NWWNC business stakeholders and Westwood Village Improvement Association at least every 1-2 months to determine support needed.
 - ii. Check in with Andrew Thomas and Westwood Village Improvement Association at least every 1-2 months on business community needs.
 - iii. Comment: Safety concerns from unhoused residents possibly disrupting businesses.
 - iv. Comment: Concerns about stigma against unhoused residents, treated disrespectfully or without a concern for their safety. Need to bridge the gap between business owner concerns and concerns of human rights and dignity of unhoused residents.
 - v. Comment: Importance of recognizing dignity and humanity of the homeless, so they can access stores, etc.

- vi. Comment: Importance of not grouping unhoused community members or stereotyping unhoused community members, and being mindful of how the language we use stands in relation to their dignity.
- vii. Comment: The failure causing homelessness is that of the mayor's office, the city council, LAHSA, etc., and anger/fear should be directed towards them, rather than the unhoused. Importance of recognizing dignity of the unhoused.
- viii. Comment: Need to address safety concerns from individual unhoused individuals. Story of one individual who was arrested for stabbing someone. Need to address these issues.
- ix. Comment: Addressing safety concerns comes by providing services and housing to address the root causes of the issue. Policing and prisons cause more harm than they solve in terms of local community violence.
- x. Comment: Need to partner with local community organizations to educate the public on how to interact with the unhoused in a way that preserves their dignity and how to respond to violence in ways that do not involve the police. Perhaps investigating creating a toolkit for providing information on the unhoused to local community members and businesses could be good.
- xi. Comment: Look into drafting a toolkit from a subgroup of the committee.
- e. LA City budget goals:
 - i. Organize town halls/social media campaign in Nov-Dec to inform community members about the budget process and different avenues for advocacy (department budget hearings(Jan-Mar), council budget committee(Mar-May), BOS budget committee(Mar-May) and of course whole council and BOS meetings (May-June))
 - ii. Reach out to a nonprofit that works on improving City budget transparency to determine the best way to push LA City to improve budget transparency. Determine next steps by the end of 2020.
 - iii. Have a regular presence at Neighborhood Council Budget Advocacy meetings.
 - iv. Comment: Need an Event Approval Form to hold a town hall, even if all virtual. Need to be submitted at minimum 30 days in advance of the event to the city, with BAC approving the event by the board. May need extra time if co-hosting with local community groups, student government, or spending outreach funds for advertising, etc.
 - v. Comment: Can reach out to DONE rep for info on the city budget process.
 - vi. Comment: Importance of city department budget's, how to affect them, etc.
 - vii. Discussion: Will have sub-group of council draft event proposal, budget, etc. and reach out to possible co-sponsors to present an Event Approval Form to the full council for review at the October or November full board meeting.
- 5. Standing Items Update:
 - a. *'Project Roomkey'*
 - b. *UCDP*

6. BruinsVote/Census Update (*10 minutes*)
 - *Partnership updates with BruinsVote and CalPIRG and how discussion on how our committee can expand their efforts in WW Village.*
 - *Census Outreach Update/Possible Community Outreach Activity*
 - *Currently working on reaching out to multiple groups on how to encourage stakeholders to vote, fill out the census, etc.*
7. Updates from members focused on priorities supporting Westwood's disabled community (*10 minutes*)
 - *UC Access Now Partnership*
8. Updates from members focused on homelessness food/resource access, priorities (*10 minutes*)
 - *Update from Bruins for Accessible Resources (discussion of future Westwood resource distribution)*
 - *Strategies for addressing on-campus Housing*
 - *Westwood Community Fridge*
 - *Discussion on social perceptions around Homelessness*
9. Updates from members focused on tenants' rights priorities (*10 minutes*)
 - *Possible Update from UCLA Tenants Union*
10. Updates from members focused on police reform priorities (*10 minutes*)
 - *No UCPD Coalition/'Divest/Invest' Collective Update*
 - *Conversations ongoing: these groups have disavowed themselves from the university working committee on safety, seeing it as uncommitted to their goals.*
11. Updates from members focused on budget advocacy priorities (*10 minutes*)
12. Committee NPG's Discussion
 - a. *Identifying Local Nonprofits to Apply*
13. Adjourned at 9:31 PM.

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