

Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness Meeting Report

Meeting held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

There was no update on the flyer for businesses to donate funds to a non-profit organization for emergency motel shelter. Lila Omura-Garcia and Joeann Valle will meet to create one. However, Ms. Valle stated that she was in contact with a community member who is interested in partnering with the company Books En More to raise money for the emergency motel shelter fund.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness would like to ask for a fund of \$500 in order to do outreach.

Ms. Omura-Garcia was informed by Gaby Medina (Councilman Busciano's office) that they are waiting to hear back from DWP on whether the 2nd storage container can be housed on their property.

Ms. Valle said she would contact Mark Ridley Thomas about putting it in the area of Lomita and Vermont. Stakeholder Craig Townsend offered to also ask the oil company and the growers if it could be placed on their lot.

Community member Dan Rivera, from the John Maxwell Team, spoke about the root of homelessness.

Lila's update on the issues facing Harbor City's homeless included a large sweep in early March which moved them from the area known as "The Pit" to various parts of town. One positive result was that three homeless people, tired of moving, were reunited with their families thanks Lila's diligent work.

Stakeholder Karen Ceaser informed us that Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council will be having an event tentatively set for May 20th in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Harbor City Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness

