CeSPNC Committee on Homelessness
Minutes from Meeting Thursday, February 8, 2018
San Pedro City Hall 6:30pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by Committee Chair, Alexander Hall. Committee Members in Attendance: Alexander Hall, Karen Cesar, Lou Caravella, James Allen for Christian Guzman. Also in attendance were Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu and Rachel Bruhnke.

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:
   a. Rebecca Trainee commented on her efforts involving “Housekeeping for the Homeless”. She provides trash bags etc. and encourages the homeless to clean up their areas. She commented that shopping carts need to be removed so as not to encourage hoarders. She would like an agenda item on the next committee agenda in order for her to be able to discuss ideas she has for homeless shelters.
   b. George Matthews gave some personal background and as a former addict and homeless person he feels he can provide a unique perspective on how to handle homelessness and would like to share his ideas for solutions.
   c. Sunny Lopez talked about clean ups and Harbor Interfaith.

3. Homeless Count Update and Review: Nancy Wilcox led the efforts for the recent Homeless Count. Citywide there were 8600 volunteers. She gave an overview of the purpose of the Homeless Count. 55 Community Members volunteered in San Pedro. She provided a flyer with results of the Homeless Count which will be posted on the CeSPNC website.

4. Neighborhood Council Homeless Liaisons meeting update: Alexander Hall had a video but only a portion was viewed due to technical issues. The link to the video will also be put on the CeSPNC website.

5. Community Impact Statement on 17-1422 - Citywide / Permanent Supportive Housing / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment: James Allen moved to approve a Community Impact Statement for Council File 17-1422, seconded by Alexander Hall. During discussion there was a motion by Allen, seconded by Hall to amend the CIS to add a recommendation that “these units be built close to transit centers and transit corridors.” The motion to amend was passed with 4 yes, 0 no. And the main motion as amended passed with 4 yes, 0 no.

6. Community Impact Statement on 17-1432 - Citywide / Hotels/Motels / Supportive Housing / Transitional Housing / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment: Motion by Allen, seconded by Hall to approve the CIS for Council File 17-1432 as presented. Motion passed 4 yes, 0 no.

7. Community Impact Statement on 14-1057-S3 - Homeless Car Rental for Dwelling (Action Item): This proposed Community Impact Statement relates to cars currently being rented to homeless individuals as unofficial dwellings. There was discussion on this item which led to the conclusion that not enough information was presented on this issue and Karen Cesar moved to table the item. The motion was seconded by Lou Caravella and passed with 3 yes, 1 no. Item tabled.

8. Discussion and Identification of city, county, state or nationally government owned property in San Pedro to be used for Permanent Supportive Housing OR for placing temporary trailers: Additional research will be conducted to identify such property and the item will be brought back for further discussion at a future committee meeting.

9. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:10pm.