**Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Community Services Committee**

**Draft Minutes Submitted by Sylvia Wilson**

**December 8, 2021- 6:30 PM**

**Meeting held on Zoom online**

**Present:** Sylvia Wilson, Chair, Theresa Torrance, Alexandra Reynolds, Carey Begbie Westerfield

Guests: Abby Austin, Crystal Kibby, Brittnee Hill and Aubree Lovelace.

**Call to Order:** Chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

**Introductions**

**Discussion/Action (Motion):**

**1. Discussion with Natalie Flores of Nourish LA**

* Public Comment: Debra Huston
* Committee Discussion:. Theresa Torrance had questions regarding the new state law requiring donation of food to pantries to avoid food waste and composting green waste.
* Carey Begbie Westerfield- provided information regarding Grass Roots Neighbors cooperation and its work with Nourish LA.

**2. Discussion with LAHSA and LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) Program Representatives, Aubree Lovelace, Crystal Kibby, Brittnee Hill**

* Public Comment: Debra Huston
* Committee Discussion: Theresa Torrance had questions regarding the cyclical need for assistance/services, request for direct link where stakeholders can donate and help with DMH’s street engagement strategy.

**3. Presentation, Encampment to Home Program Update, Abby Austin, Deputy to Councilperson Bonin**

* Public Comment: Stacey Travis, Jennifer Buscher, Debra Huston, Ahmanise Sanati.
* Committee Discussion: Theresa Torrance asked about the number of unhoused who are currently in transitional housing and the status of Safe Parking LA in Westchester Park

Sylvia Wilson asked about the reopening event at Westchester Park set for January 2022 and asked about signage requested by stakeholders to put people on notice in park areas of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44.

4. **Approval of Minutes from November 11, 2021**

* Motion to approve minutes made by Theresa Torrance, second Carey Begbie Westerfield.

**5. Discussion of Possible Future Motion to Recommend Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Nourish LA or up to $1000.00.**

* Public Comment: None
* Committee Discussion: Carey Begbie Westerfield and Theresa Torrance both recommended this agenda item be added to the January 13, 2022 agenda.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

* Public comment: Debra Huston.

**Adjourned at 8:15 pm.** **Next meeting January 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm.**