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Government Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at **7:06pm** by Chair Imber.
2. **Roll Call** - Present: Gil Imber, Howard Katchen, Tom Materna
- Absent: Pamela Harris
3. **Comments by Public Officials**
4. **Chair's Report**
5. **Action Items Which May Be Voted Upon**
 - a. [CF 20-1506-S1](#). Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service (dba Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services) / Call Direction to Ensure Suicide Safety (CRESS) Pilot Program / Contract Amendment

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports the City of Los Angeles' proposed amendment to increase expenditures toward the existing Call Direction to Ensure Suicide Safety Pilot Program (CRESS Pilot Program) and 8-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week service operated by Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services in order to expand this offering to a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week operation, in order to continue allowing Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services to handle identified mental health calls to ensure that individuals in severe emotional distress or suicidal crisis receive the appropriate support in a timely manner and to reduce the need for the Los Angeles Police Department to respond to these types of calls. By expanding hours of operation from 8/7 to 24/7, this will enable this group to provide service at all hours of the day and night. This motion for a CIS in support of [CF 20-1506-S1](#) is in accordance with SONC's previous stance in [Council File 20-0769-S1](#), adopted by SONC at its [meeting on October 19, 2020](#), in which SONC voted to support the Fire Department (LAFD)'s expansion of the Advance Provider Response Units (APRU) program to respond to non-violent

non-criminal calls that would previously be responded to by the police department (LAPD).

CIS for 20-1506-S1 and letters to be sent to CD4 and/or other entities as appropriate.

Moved by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Tom Materna.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Imber, Katchen, Materna

No: - / **Abstain/NV:** - / **Absent:** Harris

The motion 5.a is adopted (3-0).

6. Discussion Items Subject to Subsidiary Motions, But Not Final Disposition

- a. [LA City Redistricting Process](#) CF 20-0668.

Discussion followed.

- b. [Van Nuys Airport Master Plan](#).

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Motion to add the Van Nuys Airport Master Plan item as an Action Item at the Governmental Affairs Committee's next meeting.

Moved by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Tom Materna.

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Motion to add the Van Nuys Airport Master Plan item as an Action Item at the Governmental Affairs Committee's next meeting, if the SONC Traffic & Transportation Committee opts not to discuss the item at its August meeting.

Motion to Amend by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Tom Materna.

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Imber, Katchen, Materna

No: - / **Abstain/NV:** - / **Absent:** Harris

The motion to amend 5.a is adopted (3-0).

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Imber withdrew the motion via unanimous consent.

- c. Committee membership.

Discussion followed.

7. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within the Committee's Jurisdiction

8. Closing Remarks by Committee Members

Discussion followed.

9. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned via general consent at **8:00 pm**.

*All Council File (CF) items contain a hyperlink to the applicable source legislation.

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