



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Monday, July 17, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

Special Meeting Monday, July 17, 2023 7:06 pm	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street Mariela Herrick, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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1. Roll Call

Present: Truman Braslaw, Nico Calavita (left at 9:52), Xavier Johnson, Mari Mendonca, Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeño (arrived at 7:08), Debbie Potter, and Leah Simon-Weisberg.

Absent: Sara Fain (excused).

Staff Present: Mariela Herrick and Mike Uberti.

Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 8

Members of the public: 7

Public Speakers: 5

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Mendonca) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Fain (excused), Ortiz-Cedeño (unexcused).

4. Public Comment

There was one speaker during public comment.

5. Approval of the June 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Mendonca/ Simon-Weisberg) to approve the June 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: Braslaw. Absent: Fain (excused).

6. Receive Presentation from East Bay Community Law Center on Fair Access and Transparency for Rental Housing Applications Ordinance

Public Comment: 2

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Fair Access and Transparency for Rental Housing Applications Ordinance

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Mendonca) to extend Fair Access and Transparency for Rental Housing Subcommittee until November 2023.

Vote: Ayes: Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Fain (excused).

8. Receive a Presentation from the Civic Arts Commission on Artist Housing

Public Comment: 1

9. Discussion and Possible Action to Collaborate with the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission on Housing and Wildfire Risk

Public Comment: 1

10. Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Subcommittees – All/Staff

a. Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Johnson) to appoint Commissioners Braslaw, Johnson, Mendonca to the Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee, with Chair Potter as an alternate, with the charge of reviewing Housing Trust Fund Applications until July 2024.

Vote: Ayes: Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Fain (excused).

b. Public Facilities Improvements NOFA Applications Review Subcommittee

Action: M/S/C (Ortiz-Cedeño/ Mendonca) to appoint Commissioners Braslaw, Ortiz-Cedeño, Mendonca, to the Public Facilities Improvements NOFA Applications Review Subcommittee, with Commissioner Simon-Weisberg as an alternate, with the charge of reviewing the Public Facilities Improvements NOFA applications until July 2024.

Vote: Ayes: Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Fain (excused).

c. Arts and Housing Subcommittee

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Calavita) to appoint Commissioners Simon-Weisberg, Potter, Mendonca, to the Housing and Arts Subcommittee, with Commissioner Calavita as an alternate, with the charge to explore affordable housing policy to support artists until July 2024.

Vote: Ayes: Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Fain (excused).

11. Receive Update on Affordable Housing Requirements Economic Feasibility Analysis

12. Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)

a. Housing Preference Policy (7/11)

b. Prohousing Designation application authorizing resolution (7/11)

c. Discrimination Study Report (7/11)

d. Harriet Tubman Terrace (7/25)

13. Announcements/Information Items

- a. Income Qualifying Stipends for Commissioner Participation
- b. Measure O Bond Impacts on Affordable Housing Development in Berkeley Update

14. Future Items

- a. Community-Based Organization Presentations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- b. 2023-2024 Workplan Adoption

15. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/ Ortiz-Cedeño) to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 PM.

Vote: Ayes: Braslaw, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Calavita (unexcused), Fain (excused).

Approved: *Mariela Herrick*, Mariela Herrick, Secretary