



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday, June 1, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting Thursday, June 1, 2023 7:08 pm	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street Mariela Herrick, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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1. Roll Call

Present: Nico Calavita, Mari Mendonca, Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeño, Debbie Potter, and Alexandria Rodriguez.

Absent: Sara Fain (unexcused), Xavier Johnson (unexcused), and Leah Simon-Weisberg (excused).

Staff Present: Anna Cash, Mariela Herrick, Mary-Claire Katz, and Joshua Oehler.

Commissioners in attendance: 5 of 7

Members of the public: 8

Public Speakers: 7

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Rodriguez/Calavita) to approve the agenda and move the Update and Discussion Harriet Tubman Terrace Tenant Advocate Request for Proposals to item 6 on the agenda.

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

Public Speakers: None.

4. Public Comment

There was one speaker during public comment.

5. Approval of the May 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Mendonca/ Ortiz-Cedeno) to approve the May 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

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

6. Update and Discussion Harriet Tubman Terrace Tenant Advocate Request for Proposals – Staff

Public Speakers: 5

7. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Funding for Berkeley Food & Housing Project's Application for the City of Berkeley Block Grant Public Facility Improvement FY 2023 Program** – Public Facilities Improvements NOFA Applications Review Subcommittee/Staff

Public Speakers: 1

Action: M/S/C (Calavita/Ortiz-Cedeño) to recommend the Berkeley Food & Housing Project's Application for the City of Berkeley Block Grant Public Facility Improvement FY 2023 Program.

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

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

Action: M/S/C (Rodriguez/Mendonca) to move Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Subcommittees to the July 2023 Housing Advisory Commission meeting.

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

9. **Update on Fair Access and Transparency for Rental Housing Applications Ordinance Subcommittee** – Subcommittee

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

a. 2023 Local Housing Trust Fund Application (05/09/2023)

11. **Announcements/Information Items**

12. **Future Items**

- a. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
- b. Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Subcommittees
- c. Presentation from East Bay Community Law Center re: Fair Access and Transparency for Rental Housing Applications
- d. Housing Advisory Commissioner Stipends

13. **Adjourn**

Action: M/S/C (Ortiz-Cedeño/Calavita) to adjourn at 8:32.

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

Approved: *Mariela Herrick*, Mariela Herrick, Secretary