



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2024
5:30 PM

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND AT TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

MEETING LOCATION #1

2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

MEETING LOCATION #2

1447 Kains Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94702

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call

Present: Behm-Steinberg, Lippman

Absent: None

Quorum: 2 (Attended: 2)

Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz.

Public Present: Catherine Huchting, Maria Sol.

2. Agenda Approval

Move agenda item number 11 before agenda item number 10.

3. Public Comment

One public comment from Elizabeth Starr.

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 4/19/2023 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All

No action taken.

5. Approve minutes from the 6/21/2023 Regular Meeting (Attachment B) – All

No action taken.

6. Election of Low-Income Representatives

Action: M/S/C (Behm-Steinberg/Lippman) to elect Catherine Huchting as a low-income representative.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Lippman. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

Action: M/S/C (Behm-Steinberg/Lippman) to elect Maria Sol as a low-income representative.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Lippman. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

7. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment C) – Staff
 - a. J-Sei program and financial reports
Carried to next meeting.

Other Discussion Items

8. Discussion of rights and responsibilities of the HWCAC – Behm-Steinberg
Action: M/S/C (Behm-Steinberg/Lippman) for chair to draft a letter to City Council with concerns regarding the merger of the HWCAC and Peace and Justice commissions.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Lippman. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
9. Discussion and possible action on holding hybrid Commission meetings (Attachment D) – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg
No action taken.
10. Discussion on Public Reverse Mortgage – (Attachment E) – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg
No action taken.
11. Discussion of Fire Marshal's report and its implications - (Attachment F) – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg
No action taken.
12. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
No action taken.
13. Announcements
No action taken.
14. Future Agenda Items
No action taken.

Adjournment

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 4/19/2023 Meeting
- B. Draft Minutes of the 6/21/2023 Meeting
- C. Draft HWCAC Bylaws and Municipal Code
- D. Program and financial reports from J-Sei

- E. Letter of Support for the Commission on Aging’s communication regarding the Hopkins Corridor Reimagining
- F. Draft Council item “Eligibility for Service as a Representative of the Poor”
- G. Draft Council items regarding the reestablishment of hybrid commission meetings

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