



Internal

Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

6:30 PM

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
Present: Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Omodele, Sood, Sim, Lippman
Absent: None.
Quorum: 4 (Attended: 6)
Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz.
Public Present: None.
2. Agenda Approval
 - a. Approved with no edits.
3. Public Comment
 - a. None

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 3/23/2022 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to approve the minutes with edits.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – All

Action: M/S/C (Bookstein/Lippman) to elect Commissioner Sood as chair.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to elect Commissioner Bookstein as vice chair.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

6. Update and approve the 2018-2023 HWCAC Work Plan for submission to City Council (Attachment B) – All

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to approve the 2018-2023 HWCAC Work Plan for submission to City Council with edits.

Vote: Ayes – Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – Behm-Steinberg; Absent – None.

7. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment C) — Staff

- a. Through The Looking Glass program and financial reports
Commissioners review and discuss TTLG reports.

Other Discussion Items

8. Discussion and possible action on communication to Council regarding Easy Does It lapse in services – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Commissioners will review this recommendation at the following meeting.

9. Discuss potential infrastructure and affordable housing bonds/taxes discussed by Council (Attachment D)
Commissioner Behm-Steinberg believes this bond is a mistake. There is no speaker as requested by Commissioner Behm-Steinberg.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding a site visit to the Pathways facility – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Commissioner Behm-Steinberg discusses ADA issues at Pathways. She will write a recommendation from the HWCAC on this topic and bring it to the following meeting.

11. Subcommittee for prevention and ending of homelessness in Berkeley update and possible action on communication to Council – Commissioners Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele

Commissioner Omodele discusses not seeing progress at addressing homelessness in Berkeley.

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to extend the meeting by ten minutes.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain –None; Absent – None.

12. Subcommittee on Alta Bates update – Commissioners Bookstein, Omodele
Commissioner Omodele notes that COB is not being forthright with information on this topic. She discusses the need for pressure, a campaign or protest on this topic.
13. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
Commissioner Lippman reviews a Council discussion about reimagining public safety and says that this has bearing on human welfare and needs. The mayor is proposing actions to fund violence prevention, mental health services, and other public welfare services. Commissioner Bookstein says that Councilmember Taplin is asking for support for funds to be allocated to renovate a park in southwest Berkeley. Commissioner Bookstein announces a Holocaust remembrance day program in Berkeley for 2022.
14. Announcements
15. Future Agenda Items
Commissioner Bookstein has an item regarding senior housing and programs.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to adjourn at 8:40PM.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain –None; Absent – None.

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 3/23/2022 Meeting
- B. Draft 2018-2023 HWCAC Work Plan
- C. Program and financial reports from Through The Looking Glass
- D. “Berkeley eyeing a big ballot measure in 2022 for streets, affordable housing”, Berkeleyside

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