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## Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

### MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

6:30 PM

#### **PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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#### **Preliminary Matters**

1. Roll Call  
Present: Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Omodele, Sood, Lippman.  
Absent: Sim.  
Quorum: 4 (Attended: 5)  
Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz.  
Public Present: None.
2. Agenda Approval  
Approved with no edits.
3. Public Comment  
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 4/27/2022 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All  
**Action:** M/S/C (Lippman/Omodele) to approve the minutes with edits.

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

5. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment B) — Staff
  - a. Family Violence Law Center program and financial reports  
Commissioners review and discuss program and financial reports. Commissioners ask if FVLC is using Berkeley funds to subsidize clients in other cities.

**Other Discussion Items**

6. Discuss potential infrastructure and affordable housing bonds/taxes discussed by Council (Attachment C)  
Commissioner Behm-Steinberg says these bonds are an undue burden on local tax payers and will draft a letter to Council for the commission to review and approve for submission. Commissioner Behm-Steinberg requests to keep this item on the agenda.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding a site visit to the Pathways facility – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Commissioner Behm-Steinberg says that COB staff said the facility will not conform to ADA standards and that COB staff will not allow a visit. Commissioner Behm-Steinberg wants to write a letter to COB staff to request to visit the site. Commissioner Behm-Steinberg requests to keep this item on the agenda.
8. Subcommittee for prevention and ending of homelessness in Berkeley update and possible action on communication to Council – Commissioners Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele  
Commissioner Omodele says that Berkeley and Oakland had the highest PIT counts of homeless but that Berkeley's had improved. Commissioner Lippman wants to do more in-depth research on current homeless issues. Commissioners request to keep this item on the agenda.
9. Subcommittee on Alta Bates update – Commissioners Bookstein, Omodele  
The subcommittee did not meet. Commissioner Omodele discussed community members who are unaware of the Alta Bates topic.
10. Discussion and possible action on communication to Council regarding Easy Does It lapse in services – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Commissioner Behm-Steinberg spoke with the Executive Director of EDI and some of her concerns have been resolved. If concerns are not resolved she would want to file a complaint.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding senior housing and programs – Commissioner Bookstein  
Commissioner Behm-Steinberg says that there is a fear of a path to institutionalization with senior housing programs.
12. Review latest City Council meeting agenda  
Commissioners discuss an Auditor report regarding financial issues such as pensions, infrastructure, etc. Commissioner Lippman says that the budget and finance committee meeting is in the coming week and the final budget adoption is on June 28.
13. Announcements  
None.
14. Future Agenda Items  
Agency oversight proposal.  
Mechanism for COB employees and service providers to communicate.

### **Adjournment**

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to adjourn at 8:30PM.

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

### **Attachments**

- A. Draft Minutes of the 4/27/2022 Meeting
- B. Program and financial reports from FVLC
- C. “Berkeley eyeing a big ballot measure in 2022 for streets, affordable housing”, Berkeleyside

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