



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, February 16, 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: Adrionna Susana Cuevas

2. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to discuss items 9, 13 and 14 as one item and to discuss this revised item before item number 7; and, to discuss item number 16 after item number 9.

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

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 1/19/2022 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to approve the 1/19/22 minutes with edits.
Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
5. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment B) — Staff
 - a. LifeLong Medical Care program and financial reports
Commissioners review the program and financial reports for LifeLong Medical Care. Behm-Steinberg asks if LifeLong subsidizes people who live outside of Berkeley.

Open Items

6. Communication: Vacant Properties (Attachment C)
Commission secretary will follow up on this communication.
7. Communication: Alta Bates Update (Attachment D)
Commission secretary will follow up on this communication.

Other Discussion Items

8. Discussion and possible action on communication to Council regarding Easy Does It lapse in services – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to next meeting.
9. Discuss current state of homelessness in Berkeley (Attachment E) – Commissioner Omodele
This item is combined with items 13 and 14.
10. Discuss Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein
Continued to next meeting.
11. Discuss potential infrastructure and affordable housing bonds/taxes discussed by Council (Attachment F)
Behm-Steinberg discusses Measure O interest rate and debt service and an upcoming bond. Behm-Steinberg asks if funds not spent roll over into General Fund. Behm-Steinberg discusses writing a recommendation from the commission to Council against the upcoming bond. Behm-Steinberg requests a City staff member to come to a commission meeting to discuss the City bond process. Behm-Steinberg discusses holding a special meeting if necessary before the bond measure is passed.
12. Discussion and possible action regarding a site visit to the Pathways facility – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg

Behm-Steinberg discusses a Pathways ADA update including communication with City staff and scheduling a site visit. Behm-Steinberg will bring a draft letter to Council regarding Pathways to the next meeting.

13. Updates on City matters on the topic of homelessness – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg

This item is combined with items 9 and 14.

14. Subcommittee for prevention and ending of homelessness in Berkeley update

This item is combined with items 9 and 13. Bookstein, Lippman and Omodele met and plan to provide a report to the commission at future meeting. They discuss a Council meeting discussion regarding homelessness and encampments. Omodele discusses putting pressure on Council and the City Manager to do something to address homelessness in Berkeley. Lippman says to first evaluate work that the City has done so far. Lippman wants the subcommittee to draft a list of questions about the work and the solutions to homelessness that the City has done so far.

15. Subcommittee on Alta Bates update

Omodele discusses a Council closed session on the topic of Alta Bates.

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Bookstein) to extend the meeting to 8:35 PM.

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

16. Discussion and possible action regarding death of arrested individual – Commissioner Lippman

Lippman discusses an article in Berkeleyside on this topic. Lippman asks why the individual did not receive medical care. Lippman says that the Police Accountability Board opened an investigation of this case as a policy investigation. Lippman discusses general order policy 900, which is temporary custody of adults, on the Police Accountability Board website. Sood asks if this topic is part of the HWCAC purview. Bookstein and Sim will work on letter regarding this topic to present at the next meeting.

17. Review latest City Council meeting agenda

Continued to next meeting.

18. Announcements

None.

19. Future Agenda Items

HWCAC Work Plan.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Omodele) to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

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

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 1/19/2022 Meeting
- B. Program and financial reports from LifeLong
- C. Communication: Vacant Properties
- D. Communication: Alta Bates Update
- E. Path to End Homelessness Report, 9/25/2018
- F. “Berkeley eyeing a big ballot measure in 2022 for streets, affordable housing”,
Berkeleyside
- G. 2022 HWCAC Meeting Calendar

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