



**CITY / UC / STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, February 6, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

***Committee Members (10):* ✓=Present**

Representing	Committee Member
Council District 4	Councilmember Kate Harrison ✓
Council District 6	Councilmember Susan Wengraf ✓
Council District 7	Councilmember Rigel Robinson ✓
Council District 8	Councilmember Mark Humbert ✓
Mayor (Alternate)	Mayor Jesse Arreguín
UC Berkeley	Becca Lopez, Assistant Dean of Students and Director for Student Conduct, Student Affairs ✓
UC Berkeley	Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community Relations ✓
ASUC Undergraduate (Meeting Chair)	Bailey Henderson, External Affairs Vice President, ASUC ✓
ASUC Undergraduate	Pari Parajuli, Local Government Relations Director, ASUC ✓
Graduate Assembly	McKalee Steen, External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly ✓
Graduate Assembly	Lamisa Mustafa, City of Berkeley Liaison, Office of the External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly ✓

AGENDA

1. Roll Call – 1:02 PM
2. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items

- a. Five members of the public provided public comment.
3. Approval of Minutes from the October 14, 2022 Meeting
 - a. M/S/C Robinson/Wengraf to approve minutes of October 14, 2022 after correcting the dollar figure in item 6.a. from \$790,000 to \$659,000.
 - b. Vote:
 - Ayes:* Harrison, Wengraf, Robinson, Lopez, Lizardo, Henderson, Parajuli, Steen, Mustafa
 - Noes:* None
 - Abstain:* Humbert
4. Agenda item: Southside Complete Streets (presentation from city staff)
 - a. Ken Jung from the City's Public Works Department provided a staff presentation.
 - b. General committee questions and discussion centered around:
 - Specific design elements on certain streets/city blocks (slip lanes at Bancroft/Fulton; bike line width and design elements on Fulton, Dana and Bancroft; pedestrian and bicycle crossing signals at Fulton/Durant; traffic control design elements at Bancroft/College; and bus lanes/bus accommodation for Telegraph/Bancroft; and red curbing for parking alongside designated bike lanes);
 - Ensuring that updated project designs are available to the public;
 - Project timing (the project is on track to be approved under older State green infrastructure law requirements, avoiding the need for new design work; there is no detailed construction phasing schedule yet, but the city will be providing guidance to the contractor that is based on minimizing construction activity gaps); and
 - Overlap with car-free Telegraph efforts/timeline (largely an issue of a funding gap to perform design studies on Telegraph, currently at ~\$1M).
 - c. Three members of the public provided public comment.
 - d. No action was taken.
5. Agenda Item: Community safety, including street lighting and blue light emergency Phones
 - a. Andrew Brozyna from the City's Public Works Department provided a staff update on street lighting efforts.

- b. General committee questions and discussion centered around:
 - Street lighting (the use of the City’s street light fund vis-à-vis LRDP funding for street lighting near or adjacent to campus; street lighting in the Northside including planning for impending population increases and addressing unsafe pedestrian crossings at Spruce/Hearst);
 - Annual meeting with students and city/campus to discuss street lighting;
 - Feasibility of extending campus Blue Light emergency phones to city streets (requires additional city analysis); and
 - Alternatives to police response for moving violations, mental health emergencies, and other calls for service where armed officers are not needed, and the inclusion of campus leadership at future 4x6 meetings if this subject is re-agendized.
- c. No public comments.
- d. No action was taken on this item.

6. LRDP Spending Priorities

- a. No staff presentation; the Committee members engaged in general discussion of funding priorities which included:
 - Car-free Telegraph design funding;
 - Euclid Ave commercial corridor revitalization;
 - CPTED and traffic safety improvements;
 - Ensuring that LRDP funding better anticipates student-oriented housing developments in all parts of the city during the project planning process, to ensure city-wide impact of the funding;
 - Fire safety in the Northside campus area, including the removal of eucalyptus trees near Foothill dorms.
- b. No public comments.
- c. No action was taken on this item. The Committee resolved to meet again in late April and re-agendize this item, with the goal of issuing formal recommendations to the city and campus leadership that decides LRDP funding allocations (Mayor, Chancellor, City Manager, and Vice Chancellor for Administration).

7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:

- Next Meeting Date: late April, 2023; exact date/time TBD
- Next Meeting Facilitator: Councilmember Rigel Robinson agreed to serve as next Chair.

- Potential topics for future meetings:
 - LRDP spending priorities and recommendations to Campus and City leadership

8. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM (approved by consensus).