



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

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members (10): ✓=Present

Representing	Committee Member
Council District 4	Councilmember Kate Harrison ✓ (Absent 9:07-9:10 AM, 11:02 - 11:05 AM)
Council District 6	Councilmember Susan Wengraf ✓ (Absent 9:47 - 11:05 AM)
Council District 7 (Meeting Chair)	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 ✓ (Proxy: Alfred Earl Day III)
UC Berkeley	Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community Relations ✓
ASUC Undergraduate	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 – 9:07 AM

2. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items
 - a. Three members of the public provided public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2023 Meeting
 - a. M/S/C Harrison/Lizardo to approve minutes of February 6, 2023 after correcting the list of Committee Members to remove Councilmember Lori Droste and add Councilmember Mark Humbert.
 - b. Vote:
 - Ayes:* Harrison, Wengraf, Robinson, Humbert, Lopez, Lizardo, Henderson, Parajuli,
 - Noes:* None
 - Abstain:* None
 - Absent:* Steen, Mustafa

4. Introduction to new UC student leadership
 - a. The Committee did introductions with newly elected ASUC leadership: Alex Edgar, new ASUC External Affairs Vice President; and Nick Grosh, new ASUC Local Government Relations Director

5. Agenda item: Discussion and possible action on Funding Priorities for the UC-City of Berkeley Long Range Development Plan settlement funding
 - a. Councilmember Robinson, who assembled the first draft of the letter based on Committee members' feedback, made clear that this letter does not allocate any funding or commit the City and Campus to any particular decisions; instead it offers a set of suggestions to the four leaders who, in the settlement agreement, are identified as the funding decision makers (Mayor, City Manager, Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor for Administration).
 - b. General committee questions and discussion centered around:
 - Specific projects or initiatives that should be prioritized for funding, including location-specific traffic calming/pedestrian safety improvement projects; Car Free Telegraph and Southside complete streets; wildfire mitigation efforts; and improvements to the Northside commercial district on Euclid.
 - Prioritizing projects that could close major funding gaps and actually result in concrete, visible improvements for Berkeley residents, rather than partial funding for large initiatives that would still go uncompleted.

- Continuing this exercise at future meetings of the 4x6 Committee and making it clear that the LRDP funding decision makers should receive input from the Committee on funding priorities on an annual basis.
- c. Public Comment: 3 comments from members of the public.
- d. **M/S/C Henderson/Parajuli** to approve the input letter as amended, adding the following statements: “Additionally, the 4x6 committee suggests that, as often as possible, funding be identified for projects that are able to be completed with the funding provided, in order to deliver visible results to Berkeley residents”; “Additionally, the 4x6 committee suggests prioritization for projects in which cost-sharing between the University and City is possible”; and “Additionally, the 4x6 committee suggests that input be received from the 4x6 committee on an annual basis to inform priorities for the settlement fund.”

Vote:

Ayes: Harrison, Robinson, Humbert, Lopez, Lizardo, Henderson, Parajuli

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Steen, Mustafa, Wengraf

6. Agenda Item: Presentation and discussion about Capital Projects in the Campus Master Plan
 - a. Wendy Hillis and Peter Gorman, along with VCA Marc Fisher, gave a presentation and overview of upcoming campus development projects and the status of the Campus’ efforts to create new and affordable student housing.
 - b. General committee questions and discussion centered around:
 - Parking, and how new housing construction projects that themselves include no parking will result in no net loss of parking, but instead a concentration of parking into a new centralized parking structure on Bancroft.
 - Standards and definitions for “affordability” in affordable student housing, the use of need-based scholarships as rent subsidy for some students, and transparency to the public in how the University is financing each project.

- The impact of particular developments (such as People’s Park) on the overall impact towards the Chancellor’s goal to create 8,800 new student housing units.
 - ADA accessibility, and the various challenges that the topography of the campus presents to ADA accessible grading and how the University is addressing that.
 - c. No public comments.
 - d. No action was taken on this item.

- 7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:
 - Next Meeting Date: late August/early Sept, 2023; exact date/time TBD
 - Next Meeting Facilitator: Incoming ASUC EAVP Alex Edgar agreed to serve as next Chair.
 - Potential topics for future meetings:
 - Street Light Update
 - ADA Issues in the Campus Area

- 8. Adjournment
 - a. **M/S/C Henderson/Parajuli** to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 AM (approved by consensus).