



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.

Berkeley, CA 94703

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
Present: Dunner, Smith (7:42 arrival), Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim (7:27 arrival)
Absent:
Quorum: 6 (Attended: 10)
Staff Present: Rhianna Babka
Public Present: Angela Castellanos
2. Public Comment
Angela Castellanos introduces herself as interested in potentially joining the HWCAC.

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

1. Approve Minutes from the 10/16/2019 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 10/16/2019 meeting minutes with no edits.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith, Sim.
2. Approve 2020 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funding Contract (Attachment B) – Staff
Action: M/S/C (Deyhim/Romo) to approve the 2020 CSBG funding contract.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo; Noes - None; Abstain - Omodele; Absent – Smith, Sim.
3. Discussion of recommendations from the By-Laws Subcommittee – Commissioners Kohn and Omodele
Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Omodele) to recommend the By-Laws Subcommittee suggestions nos. one, three, and four to City Council.
Vote: Ayes – Deyhim, Omodele, Bookstein, Romo, Smith, Sim; Noes – Sood, Dunner, Kohn, Behm-Steinberg; Abstain - None; Absent – None.
4. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports — Staff (Attachment C)
 - a. McGee Avenue Baptist Church – Food Program
Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial reports for McGee Avenue Baptist Church's food program.
5. HWCAC Commissioner Training (Attachment D) – Staff

Staff provides a training on the founding and structure of Community Action Agencies.

Other Discussion Items

Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Dunner) to discuss agenda item 12 before agenda item six.

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – None.

6. Discuss housing issues that impact the poor – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Commissioner Behm-Steinberg presents issues that impact the poor.

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to extend the meeting by five minutes.

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – None.

7. Discuss gentrification presentation by guest speaker Willie Phillips – Commissioner Smith
Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.
8. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee – Commissioner Sood
Commissioner Sood requests that the budget review subcommittee members review new budget adjustments for the next subcommittee meeting.
9. Review and discuss City of Berkeley Commission minutes – All
Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.
10. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.
11. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.
12. Discuss tax bill transparency – Commissioner Sood
Action: M/S/C (Behm-Steinberg/Sood) to amend Commissioner Sood’s property tax transparency Council item to include statistics regarding how low-income homeowners are impacted property tax bills.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – None.
13. Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.
14. Discuss encampments proposal (Attachment E) – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.
15. Discuss rent control recommendation – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele
Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.

16. Update on West Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein

Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.

17. Update on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele

Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.

18. Review latest City Council meeting agenda

Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.

19. Announcements

None.

20. Future Agenda Items

Continued to 1/15/2020 meeting.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Dunner) to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – None.

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 10/16/2019 Meeting
- B. 2020 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funding Contract
- C. McGee Avenue Baptist Church Food Program Statement of Expense and Program Report
- D. HWCAC Training PowerPoint
- E. Family Homelessness in Berkeley

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