



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.
Berkeley, CA 94703

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
Present: Dunner, Smith (7:25PM arrival), Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg (7:20PM arrival), Bookstein, Deyhim, Sim
Absent: Romo
Quorum: 6 (Attended: 9)
Staff Present: None
Public Present: Shahidah Lacy, Carlos Hill, Willie Phillips
2. Agenda Approval
Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Omodele) to discuss agenda items 1-15, and 28-30.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Deyhim, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith, Bookstein, Romo.
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 1/15/2020 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 1/15/2020 minutes.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Deyhim, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith, Bookstein, Romo.
5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – All
Action: M/S/C (Dunner/Sood) elect Samuel Kohn as Chair.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Deyhim, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - Kohn; Absent – Smith, Romo, Bookstein.

Action: M/S/C (Omodele/Dunner) to elect Denah Bookstein as Vice Chair.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - Kohn; Absent – Smith, Romo.
6. Election of Low-Income Representatives
Action: M/S/C (Deyhim/Bookstein) to elect Carlos Hill as a Representative of the Poor.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith, Romo.
7. Presentation on the 2020 Census - Shahidah Lacy, Office of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson
Shahidah Lacy presents information about the 2020 census to the commissioners.

8. Lava Mae service delivery data – Staff (Attachment B)
Staff provide service delivery data from Lava Mae that was requested at the 1/15/20 meeting.
9. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports — Staff (Attachment C)
 - a. East Bay Community Law Center – Consumer Justice Clinic
Commissioners review program and financial reports from the Consumer Justice Clinic.
Commissioner Sim requests information about any client fees that may occur when receiving services from the Clinic.

Other Discussion Items

Action: M/S/C (Behm-Steinberg/Dunner) to discuss agenda item 15 after agenda item 10.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Deyhim,
Sim; Noes – Sood, Kohn; Abstain – None; Absent – Smith, Bookstein, Romo.

10. Review and discuss City of Berkeley Commission minutes – All
Commissioners discuss other City of Berkeley Commission minutes.
11. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee – Commissioners Sood, Romo, and Smith

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to prepare a recommendation for allocation of the proceeds from the cannabis tax revenues and to request to be involved in City Council's review of proposals for that allocation.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Bookstein, Behm-Steinberg, Deyhim, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith, Romo.

Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Behm-Steinberg) to extend the meeting to 9:15PM.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Bookstein, Behm-Steinberg, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - Deyhim; Absent – Smith, Romo.
12. Update on West Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein
Commissioners Bookstein discusses a meeting she attended on air quality in Berkeley.
13. Discuss making Berkeley a Sanctuary City for Black people – Commissioner Smith
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
14. Discuss Pedestrian Upgrades – Commissioner Bookstein (Attachment D)
Commissioners discuss the pedestrian upgrade recommendations in Attachment D. It is determined that the HWCAC cannot make these recommendation directly to an individual City of Berkeley staff member.
15. Discuss Accessibility at the STAIR Center – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg (Attachments E and F)

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to request that the City Manager respond to the issues raised in a letter from Mary Behm-Steinberg addressed to the Commission on Disability Secretary on 2/5/20 (Attachment E).
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Bookstein, Behm-Steinberg, Deyhim, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith, Romo.

16. Discuss report regarding homeless encampment in South Berkeley near Here/There sign – Commissioner Romo
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
17. Discuss encampments proposal – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
18. Discuss rent control recommendation – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
19. Discuss report on the South Adeline Corridor Plan – Commissioner Romo
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
20. Discuss gentrification presentation by guest speaker Willie Phillips – Commissioner Smith
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
21. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
22. Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
23. Discuss housing issues that impact the poor – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
24. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
25. Discuss consequences of failed elevators in buildings – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
26. Discuss City grant writer procurement – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
27. Update on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
28. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
Continued to 3/18/2020 meeting.
29. Announcements
None.
30. Future Agenda Items
None.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Behm-Steinberg) to adjourn the meeting at 9:21PM.

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

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 1/15/2020 Meeting
- B. Lava Mae service delivery data
- C. East Bay Community Law Center – Consumer Justice Clinic Program and Financial reports
- D. Pedestrian Safety Letter draft
- E. STAIR email to Disability Commission secretary
- F. Local Adoption of Emergency Amendments to the 2016 California Building Code Governing Emergency Housing

https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2018/06_June/Documents/2018-06-12_Item_42_Local_Adoption_of_Emergency_Amendments.aspx

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