



# Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

## MINUTES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.

Berkeley, CA 94703

### Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call  
Present: Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Romo  
Absent: Holman, Deyhim  
Quorum: 6 (Attended: 8)  
Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz, Rhianna Babka  
Public Present: Helen Walsh
2. Public Comment  
One public comment.

### 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 6/19/2019 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)  
**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Kohn) to approve the 6/19/2019 minutes.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Romo; Noes – None; Abstain – Sood; Absent – Holman, Deyhim.
2. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports — Staff (Attachment B)
  - a. Easy Does It – Disability Services  
Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial reports for Easy Does It's Disability Services program.

Public Comment: Helen Walsh comments on needs within the disabled community and how Easy Does It may improve its processes.

### **Other Discussion Items**

3. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee – Commissioner Sood  
Commissioners will schedule subcommittee meeting in the future. Clarification of subcommittee members included: Deyhim, Smith, Sood, Romo.
4. Discuss possible recommendations to City Council related to the City of Berkeley 1000 Person Plan to Address Homelessness (Attachment C) – Commissioner Sood  
Commissioners discuss the City of Berkeley 1000 Person Plan to Address Homelessness as it relates to the HWCAC report to Council titled "Path to End Homelessness".

Public Comment: Helen Walsh asks commissioners if they have communicated on this topic with other commissions that may overlap with this subject matter.

5. Update regarding the HWCAC Council Report “Path to End Homelessness” (Attachment D) – Commissioner Omodele

Commissioners discuss the HWCAC report to Council titled “Path to End Homelessness” as it relates to the City of Berkeley 1000 Person Plan to Address Homelessness. Commissioners discuss whether the HWCAC should request that Council add elements from the Path to End Homelessness report to the 1000 Person Plan to Address Homelessness.

6. Discuss a City of Berkeley “Baby Bond” – Commissioner Sood  
Continued to 9/18/19 meeting.

7. Review of Homeless Commission and Commission on Disability minutes – Commissioner Kohn (Attachment E)

Continued to 9/18/19 meeting.

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to extend the meeting to 9:10PM.

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

8. Discussion and possible communication to City Council of the proposed framework for affordable housing – Commissioner Kohn (Attachment F)

**Action:** M/S/C (Bookstein/Kohn) to send a letter to City Council from the HWCAC that supports the 1000 Person Plan to End Homelessness and the report to City Council at the 7/9/19 meeting titled “Housing for a Diverse, Equitable and Creative Berkeley: A Framework for Affordable Housing”, refers City Council to the recommendation submitted by the HWCAC on the Path to End Homeless at the September 25, 2018 Council meeting, and to request that Council also consider the following elements to accompany these reports:

- Address the need for City grant writers to support new and/or expanded programs;
- Employ a nuanced opposition to the Ellis Act that will take into account senior and low-income homeowners and landlords; and
- Involve all City of Berkeley Departments, neighboring cities, and the County in any action taken in order to reduce redundancy and silos.

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

**Action:** M/S/C (Romo/Bookstein) to extend the meeting to 9:20PM.

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

**Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Sood) to move remaining agenda items to the 9/18/19 meeting.

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

**Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Dunner) to adjourn at 9:25PM.

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

9. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn  
Continued to 9/18/19 meeting.
10. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 9/18/19 meeting.
11. Update on West Berkeley Air Quality – Commissioner Bookstein  
Continued to 9/18/19 meeting.
12. Update on the Closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele  
Continued to 9/18/19 meeting.
13. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda  
Continued to 9/18/19 meeting.
14. Announcements  
None.
15. Future Agenda Items  
Discuss audit of Easy Does It.

## **Adjournment**

**Adjourned at 9:25PM**

## **Attachments**

- A. Draft Minutes of the 6/19/2019 Meeting
- B. Easy Does It – Disability Services Program Report and Statement of Expense
- C. City of Berkeley 1000 Person Plan to Address Homelessness Council Report
- D. HWCAC “Path to End Homelessness” Report
- E. Homeless Commission and Commission on Disability Minutes
- F. Housing for a Diverse, Equitable and Creative Berkeley: Proposing a Framework for Berkeley’s Affordable Housing

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