



Berkeley Homeless
Commission

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2016

1. Roll Call: 7:00PM

Present: Bastone, Davis, Marasovic, Orgain, Peterson.

Absent: Gresher.

Staff: Buddenhagen, Lee, Wicker

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2. Comments from the Public

No comments.

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of November 18th, 2015.

Action: M/S/C Bastone/Peterson to approve minutes of November 18th, 2015.

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Davis, Marasovic, Peterson.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* Orgain. *Absent:* Gresher.

4. Approval of Minutes for meeting of January 13th, 2016.

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Bastone to approve minutes of January 13th, 2016.

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Marasovic, Orgain, Peterson.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* Davis. *Absent:* Gresher.

Update/Action Items

5. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C Bastone/Orgain to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Davis, Marasovic, Orgain, Peterson.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Gresher.

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Bastone for Chair. Bastone declined the nomination.

Commissioner Bastone nominated Commissioner Marasovic for Chair.

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Davis, Marasovic, Orgain, Peterson.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Gresher.

Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Bastone for Vice Chair.

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Davis, Marasovic, Orgain, Peterson.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Gresher.

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7. Presentation on the results of the 2015 Homeless Count.

Kristen Lee, Division Manager from the Health, Housing and Community Services Department gave a presentation about the results of the 2015 Homeless Count. Discussion. No action taken.

8. Update on the implementation of the Berkeley Food and Housing Project's "Hub" to provide coordinated entry for homeless services.

Kristen Lee provided an update. Discussion. No action taken.

9. Follow-up on Commission's recommendation to Council to support access to Below Market Rate units for people with housing subsidies.

The Chair submitted a letter of support for the Housing Advisory Commission's recommendations that will be going to Council.

M/S/C Davis/Peterson to authorize the Chair to speak on the behalf of the Commission when the item goes before Council.

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Davis, Marasovic, Orgain, Peterson.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Gresher.

10. The aging homeless population and how their needs are being addressed.

Discussion. No action taken.

The Commission on Aging submitted a letter stating that they intend to develop a proposal for collaboration with the Homeless Commission regarding the needs of homeless seniors. The Homeless Commission agreed by consent to invite representatives of the Commission on Aging to present their proposal to the Homeless Commission.

11. Review City protocol for confiscating and storing personal property.

Discussion of the City's policy for storage of unattended property. The Commission requested that the City staff involved in the implementation of the policy be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss procedures and handling of complaints.

12. Review of Shelter Plus Care program certificate expiration policy.

Discussion, no action taken.

13. Announcements.

14. Propose agenda items for next meeting

- City's policy for storage of unattended property
- Discuss funding needs for the continuation of the Berkeley Food and Housing Project's Hub
- Update on Council's referral to City Manager to explore the feasibility of storage lockers for the homeless
- Grievance subcommittee update

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15. Adjourn @ 9:00PM

Minutes Approved on: March 9, 2016

Andrew Wicker, Commission Secretary