



Berkeley Homeless
Commission

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2016

1. Roll Call: 7:00PM

Present: Bastone, Davis, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic (7:05PM), Orgain, Peterson.

Absent: None.

Staff: Vasquez, Wicker

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2. Comments from the Public

No comments.

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of February 10th, 2016.

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Davis to approve minutes of February 10th, 2016.

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Davis, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain, Peterson.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Marasovic.

Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

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

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Davis, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Peterson.

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

5. FY17 Funding request for the Berkeley Food and Housing Project's "Hub" to provide coordinated entry for homeless services.

Presentation by Terri Light, Executive Director of BFHP, providing an update on the implementation of a coordinated entry system. BFHP is working with City staff to develop a budget for Year 2 of the project, which will need Council approval. Discussion, no action taken.

6. Proposed pilot program to provide secure storage for personal belongings of people who are homeless in Berkeley.

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Bastone to authorize the Chair to submit a letter requesting that Council reconsider whether the law limiting belongings on the sidewalk to a 2 square foot area is responsibly enforceable in light of the high cost of providing storage, and to authorize the Chair to represent the Commission at the Council meeting when the storage proposal is discussed.

Vote: Ayes: Bastone, Davis, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Peterson.

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

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7. City Council Updates:

- Expansion of winter relief programs
- Berkeley Housing Authority's proposed "Move-Up Program."

Discussion. No action taken.

8. Propose agenda items for next meeting

- Invite BFHP's Housing Specialist to discuss strategies for finding landlords who will lease to tenants with a rental subsidy.
- City's policy for storage of unattended property
- Update on funding needs for the continuation of the Berkeley Food and Housing Project's Hub
- City Council update:
 - Request from YEAH! for year-round funding
 - Proposed storage program
- Homeless Task Force update

9. Adjourn @ 9:10PM

Minutes Approved on: April 13, 2016

Andrew Wicker, Commission Secretary: 