

Berkeley Homeless
Commission

MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2016

1. Roll Call: 7:00PM

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

Absent: Bastone.

Staff: Vasquez, Wicker, Yavneh

Public: 5

2. Comments from the Public

Two comments.

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of March 9th, 2016.

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Kealoha-Blake to approve the minutes of March 9th, 2016, as written.

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

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bastone.

Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C Davis/Orgain to reorder the agenda by moving item #10a to follow item #5 and approve the agenda as amended.

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

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bastone.

5. Review City protocol for confiscating and storing unattended personal property.

Presentation by Tenli Yavneh, Berkeley Mental Health. Discussion, no action taken.

6. Referral to the Homeless Commission to consider feasibility of “Tiny House” program in Berkeley.

Discussion, no action taken.

7. FY17 Funding request for the Berkeley Food and Housing Project’s “Hub” to provide coordinated entry for homeless services.

Jennifer Vasquez, Health, Housing and Community Services Department, provided an update regarding budget recommendations that will be on the Council agenda on May 10th. Discussion, no action taken.

8. Finding rental housing for people with subsidies in current rental market.

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The scheduled presenter was unable to attend the meeting. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Recommendation to Council from Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC) regarding policy for removal and appointment of commissioners.

Discussion, no action taken.

10. Update from the Grievance Subcommittee.

Discussion, no action taken.

11. City Council Updates:

- Proposed pilot program to provide secure storage for personal belongings of people who are homeless in Berkeley
- Proposed Multi-Departmental Homelessness Working Group
- City Response to Homeless Shelter Crisis
- YEAH! request for additional funding

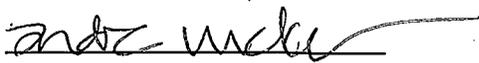
Discussion, no action taken.

12. 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.
- Continue discussion of City's policy for storage of unattended property, with an invitation to staff from City Manager's office
- Invite speaker to give a presentation on "Tiny House" initiatives
- City budget update
- Discuss review process for community agency requests for funding during the City's upcoming bidding process

13. Adjourn @ 8:58PM

Minutes Approved on: May 11, 2016

Andrew Wicker, Commission Secretary: 

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