



## Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

### MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St. (Corner Ellis/Ashby)  
Berkeley, CA 94703

### Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 7:06 PM  
Present: Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, McMullan (7:30pm), DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross  
Absent: Browne (excused), Omodele (excused), Fishman  
Quorum: 5 (Attended: 8)  
Staff Present: Paul Buddenhagen, Kristen Lee, Wing Wong
2. Public Comment: 1

### Update/Action Items

*The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.*

3. Approve Minutes from the 11/18/2015 Regular Meeting and 1/27/2016 Special Meeting  
**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Cross) to approve the 11/18/2015 minutes as submitted  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, Olivieri, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – DaSilva, Trigueros; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman, McMullan.  
  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 1/27/2016 minutes as submitted  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman, McMullan.  
Action failed and this item will be continued to 3/16/2016 meeting.
4. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair  
**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Trigueros) to nominate Praveen Sood for the position of Chairperson.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman, McMullan.  
  
**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Sood) to nominate Denah S. Bookstein for the position of Vice Chairperson.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, DaSilva, Olivieri, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – Trigueros; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman, McMullan.
5. Review Draft Report on Partnership with Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) to Administer Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funds  
**Action:** M/S/C (McMullan/Trigueros) to have elected HWCAC commissioners join the chair at the 3/15/2016 Council meeting to advocate for maintaining HWCAC as a 15-member commission.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, McMullan, DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman.

6. Commission Process Improvement Resolution

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/McMullan) to submit the report and the resolution to City Council after minor edits by the chair.

**Vote:** Ayes – Sood, McMullan, DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – Dunner, Bookstein; Abstain – None; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman.

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Cross) to submit the report and the resolution to other City commissions for review.

**Vote:** Ayes – Sood, McMullan, DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – Dunner, Bookstein; Abstain – None; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman.

7. Berkeley Community Services Fund Resolution

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to submit the report and the resolution to City Council.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, McMullan, DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman.

8. Update on Filling HWCAC Vacancies

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to submit letters written by elected commissioners on the importance of having low-income representatives in HWCAC.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, McMullan, DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman.

9. Update on Air Quality in West Berkeley

The City Council has moved this item to 3/8/2016 Action Calendar.

**Action:** M/S/C (McMullan/Trigueros) to draft a letter to City Council by Commissioner McMullan A) to ask City Council to publish a more complete analysis of the air quality; B) to ask City Council to consult with the West Berkeley community regarding their reactions to the analysis; and C) to encourage City Council to require a more comprehensive test of the air quality in West Berkeley and the effects on health.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, McMullan, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – DaSilva; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman.

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Olivieri) to invite speakers to the commission meeting to talk about their reactions to the analysis.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, DaSilva, McMullan, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman.

10. Update on Responsible Banking Services

Report reviewed and discussion held. No action taken. This item will not be continued to the next meeting.

11. Review Safe Act Council Report

Continued to 3/16/2016 meeting.

12. Discuss Impacts of Coal Exportation on the City of Berkeley's Communities

Continued to 3/16/2016 meeting.

13. Discuss Possible Action Regarding the Rising Cost of Berkeley's Residential Water Bills

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Olivieri) to put a laminated copy of the East Bay Municipal Utility District Customer Assistance Program application at the Central Library.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, McMullan, DaSilva, Olivieri, Trigueros, Cross; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Browne, Omodele, Fishman.

This item will not be continued to the next meeting.

14. Review Minutes from Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts (SSBPPE)

Continued to 3/16/2016 meeting.

15. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda

Continued to 3/16/2016 meeting.

16. Future Agenda Items

Commissioners are interested in possible actions regarding bikers not using reflectors at night. Continued to 3/16/2016 meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Adjourned at: 9:40 pm**

**Minutes approved on: 3/16/2016**

**Commission Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wing Wong**