



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

7:00 PM

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

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 7:06PM
Present: Dunner, Sood, McMullan, Davila, Choi, Omodele
Absent: Bookstein (excused), Browne, DaSilva, Trigueros
Quorum: 5 (Attended: 6)
Staff Present: Kristen Lee and Wing Wong
2. Public Comment: 1

Update/Action Items

3. Approve Minutes From The 7/20/2016 Regular Meeting
Action: M/S/C (Sood/McMullan) to approve the 7/20/2016 minutes as submitted.
Vote: Ayes – Choi, Dunner, Sood, McMullan, Omodele; Noes – None; Abstain – Davila; Absent – Bookstein (excused), Browne, DaSilva, Trigueros.
4. Elect Two To Three Commissioners To Attend Public Hearing Regarding Community Needs At 6PM On 10/19/2016
Action: M/S/C (Sood/McMullan) to recommend Commissioner Dunner, Davila, and McMullan to represent HWCAC at the Public Hearing on 10/19/2016.
Vote: Ayes – Choi, Dunner, Sood, McMullan, Omodele, Davila; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bookstein (excused), Browne, DaSilva, Trigueros.
5. Update Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) 2016 Targeted Initiative Funds Contract Amendment
Wing Wong reported that the City will receive additional \$15,078 CSBG Targeted Initiative Funds. The total amount of the Targeted Initiative Funds will be \$32,078 and will be available until 5/31/2017. Kristen Lee reminded the Commission that, as per the discussion at the last meeting, the funds will be for training for providers of homeless services, landlord outreach and engagement, for consultants to assist in developing a tool or process for obtaining customer satisfaction surveys for CSBG-funded services, and other activities eligible under the funding constraints.
6. Discuss Content and Schedule for HWCAC Community Action Agency Board Training
Kristen Lee reported that the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) has hired a consultant for the Berkeley CAA to provide a Board Training on roles and responsibilities related to CSBG funding. Commissioners agreed on 10/27/2016 evening as the training date. The training will also be video-taped for those commissioners who cannot attend. Ms. Lee also reported that CSD has hired a separate trainer to lead the Berkeley CAA in a Strategic Planning session. This will be scheduled to take place after the Board Training.

7. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports
Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial reports for LifeLong Medical Care, which has four programs: A) Access to Primary Care for the Low-income/Uninsured; B) Acupuncture Drop-in Clinic; C) Hypertension Drop-in Clinic; and D) Primary Geriatric Care, for the period of 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016.
8. Discuss The Development Of An African American Resource Center Recommended By Community Health Commission
Commissioners reviewed the Council report on the development of an African American Resource Center in South Berkeley. Commissioners discussed the limitations of this center and had concerns regarding whether “other marginalized people” Would be adequately served by the new Center.

Action: M/S/C (Davila/McMullan) to support the recommendation by Community Health Commission to develop an African American Resource Center.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, McMullan, Omodele, Davila; Noes – None; Abstain – Choi, Sood; Absent – Bookstein (excused), Browne, DaSilva, Trigueros.
Motion failed.

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to communicate to The Community Health Commission (CHC) that HWCAC supports the concept of creating an African American Resource Center and want to work with CHC in the future to expand to other ethnicities.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, McMullan, Omodele; Noes – Davila; Abstain – Choi; Absent – Bookstein (excused), Browne, DaSilva, Trigueros.
Motion failed.
9. Review City Of Berkeley 2016 CSBG Organizational Standards Report
Commissioners reviewed the CSBG Organizational Standards Report. Wing Wong summarized the Standards that were not met and actions that will be taken to ensure future compliance.
10. Review Draft HWCAC Council Report On Air Quality in West Berkeley
Continued to 10/19/2016.
11. Review Draft HWCAC Council Report On Berkeley Homeless Policy
Action: M/S/C (Sood/McMullan) to establish a subcommittee on Berkeley homeless policy.
Vote: Ayes – Choi, Dunner, Sood, McMullan, Omodele, Davila; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bookstein (excused), Browne, DaSilva, Trigueros.
12. Discuss Actions To Support Street Spirit Magazine – Commissioner McMullan
Continued to 10/19/2016.
13. Discuss Volunteer Rewards Program For Very Low-Income People Spending More Than 60% Of Their Income On Rent

Commissioner McMullan reported on how many low-income residents spend 60% or more of their incomes on rent. This leaves them very little for food and other necessities. He recommended that the HWCAC support the creation of a program under which low-income residents can volunteer at various organizations and receive a credit or stipend for every hour they volunteer. They can then use those credits or income earned to purchase things at stores. Commissioner McMullan will return to the next meeting with language that could be added in the upcoming funding allocation process to incentive the creation of such a program.

14. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda – All (Attachment H)
Continued to 10/19/2016.

Adjournment

Adjourned at: 9:30 pm

Minutes approved on: 10/19/2016

Commission Secretary: Wing Wong