



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

7:00 PM

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

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 7:11 PM
Present: Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, McMullan (7:23 PM), Omodele, Fishman, Davila
Absent: Browne, DaSilva, Trigueros
Quorum: 6 (Attended: 7)
Staff Present: Paul Buddenhagen, Kristen Lee, Wing Wong
2. Public Present: 3
Public Comment: 2

Update/Action Items

3. Approve Minutes from the 3/16/2016 Regular Meeting
Action: M/S/C (Dunner/McMullan) to approve the 3/16/2016 minutes as submitted
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Bookstein, Sood, McMullan, Omodele, Fishman; Noes – None; Abstain – Davila; Absent – Browne, DaSilva, Trigueros.
4. Update on Recommendations by Homeless Task Force
Speaker: 1

A Homeless Task Force representative provided an update on several recommendations to City Council. These included creating a Multi-departmental Homelessness Working Group, a Tiny Homes program, additional Police Department trainings on crisis intervention, and homeless resources expansion at public libraries.
5. Update on Commission Process Improvement Resolution
The HWCAC Secretary reported that she has provided the HWCAC report to all other City commissions. Three of them have expressed their support, but have not taking any action on the item.
6. Update on Berkeley Community Services Fund Resolution
The Commission discussed the timeline for submitting this item to Council. No action was taken.
7. Update on Filling HWCAC Vacancies
Commissioners were requested to outreach to prospective candidates living in the three districts eligible for election to the HWCAC. Discussion was continued to 5/18/2016 meeting.
8. Update on Partnership with Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) to Administer Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funds

Staff Member Kristen Lee reported that staff is now recommending that the Berkeley Community Action Agency not partner with AC-OCAP to administer CSBG funds. There are two ways to partner with AC-OCAP, and neither is beneficial. Either we merge with AC-OCAP and potentially lose Berkeley's Minimum-Funded agency status, which would result in a loss of approximately \$90,000 in CSBG funding for Berkeley, or partner with AC-OCAP but continue to have to have separate reports for the State. Commissioners agreed that the best course of action is to maintain our CSBG funding.

9. Review CSBG Work Plan

Staff presented information on the revised HWCAC work plan and schedules for reviewing reports submitted both to the State, and to the City from community agencies. Staff will continue to update the HWCAC at future meetings. Continued to 5/18/2016 meeting.

10. Update on Air Quality in West Berkeley

Public Comment: 1

Commissioners reviewed a 1999 court order and the use permit for the Berkeley Asphalt Company. Commissioner McMullan will draft a letter to City Council expressing the HWCAC's concern that the West Berkeley community was not consulted by council members who recently reported back to Council on a study of the air quality. See file:///C:/Users/kslee/Downloads/2016-01-19%20Item%2041%20Final%20Status%20Report.pdf . Discussion continued to 5/18/2016 meeting.

11. Review Safe-Act Council Report

Commissioner Fishman drafted a council report providing four recommendations to support sexual assault victims for City Council to consider.

Action: M/S/C (McMullan/Davila) to submit the report to City Council after Commissioner Fishman makes minor edits.

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

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

Continued to 5/18/2016 meeting.

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

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

14. Discuss Possible Action Regarding Bikers Not Using Reflectors at Night

Continued to 5/18/2016.

15. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda

Continued to 5/18/2016.

Adjournment

Adjourned at: 9:38 pm

Minutes approved on: 5-18-2016

Commission Secretary:  _____
Wing Wong

