



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

AGENDA

Regular Meeting Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:00 pm	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street Anna Cash, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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All agenda items are for discussion and possible action.

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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Land Acknowledgement** (Attachment 1)
3. **Agenda Approval**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Approval of March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes** (Attachment 2)
6. **Receive Presentation from City of Berkeley Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded subrecipient: Bay Area Community Services (BACS) North County Housing Resource Center Access Point – BACS**
7. **Update on the Arts and Housing Subcommittee – Subcommittee**
8. **Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)**
9. **Announcements/Information Items**
 - a. Update on West Berkeley Shellmound Sacred Site (1900 Fourth St.)
10. **Future Items**
 - a. Bay Area Housing Finance Agency (BAHFA) presentation (May)
 - b. San Pablo Specific Plan update (May)
 - c. Discussion of HAC Work Plan process (May)

11. **Adjourn**

Attachments

1. Land Acknowledgment

2. Draft March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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ATTACHMENT 1

Land Acknowledgement Statement

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.



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HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION Wednesday, March 13, 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2024 7:08 pm	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street Mariela Herrick, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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1. Roll Call

Present: Sarah Bell, Truman Braslaw, Nico Calavita, Mari Mendonca, Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeño, Debbie Potter.

Absent: Xavier Johnson (unexcused), and Leah Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

Staff Present: Barb Amaro, Rihanna Babka, and Mariela Herrick.

Commissioners in attendance: 6 of 8.

Members of the public: 15.

Public Speakers: 12.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Calavita /Mendonca) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

4. Public Comment

There were zero speakers during public comment.

5. Approval of February 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Calavita /Braslaw) to approve the to approve the February 1, 2024 meeting minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

6. Update on the Arts and Housing Subcommittee

7. Update and Possible Action on Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Federal Program Year (PY) 2024 (FY 2025)

Action: M/S/C (Ortiz-Cedeño /Braslaw) to recommend that City Council approve the draft action plan for program year 24 (FY 25).

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

8. Update and Possible Action on CDBG Subcommittee's FY 2025-2028 CDBG/General Fund Workforce Development Funding Recommendations

Public Comment: 12

Action: M/S/C (Ortiz-Cedeño /Calavita) to recommend the City Council:

1. Approve the Housing Advisory Commission's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/General Fund (GF) workforce development funding recommendations for FY 2025-2028 as contained in Attachment 1; and
2. Direct City staff to analyze the effectiveness of the CDBG-funded, City-administered single-family rehabilitation loan program. The analysis would examine issues including the program delivery costs, whether the program is duplicative of similar programs (e.g., the Measure A1-funded RenewAC), and the effectiveness of redirecting CDBG funds to other housing services such as emergency repairs and/or accessibility improvements, etc. Staff would report back to the Housing Advisory Commission on its findings as part of the CDBG Consolidated Plan to be completed in Spring 2025; and
3. Approve up to \$100,000 for a community facilities program administered by Rebuilding Together East Bay North when the available CDBG funds allocated for community facility improvements includes a budget carryover and program income exceeds \$133,000 per year; and
4. Allocate an additional \$207,940 from the General Fund to fully fund the requested amounts for Rebuild Together: Safe at Home, the Bread Project, Rising Sun, Multicultural Institute, and Bananas.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

9. Update and Possible Action to Amend the Subcommittee Appointments

- a. Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee
- b. Public Facilities Improvements NOFA Applications Review Subcommittee
- c. Arts and Housing Subcommittee

10. Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)

11. Announcements/Information Items

12. Future Items

13. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Ortiz-Cedeño/ Mendonca) to adjourn meeting at 10:10 PM.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none.

Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

Approved: _____, Mariela Herrick, Secretary