



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM

Present: Meany, Hynes (7:01), Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, and Bookstein.

Absent: Wachspress, Feller (excused), Jones.

Staff: Jacobs.

Council: None.

Public: 2.

2. Comments from the Public: 0.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2023.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Bookstein move to approve the May 3 minutes as amended.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, and Bookstein.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Jones, Feller (excused), Wachspress.

4. Agenda Approval.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, and Bookstein.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Jones, Feller (excused), Wachspress.

5. Land acknowledgement.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Acting chair report. Discussion.

Discussion; no action taken.

7. Review programs, current and proposed, funded under Measure P and establish priorities for funding. Discussion and possible action.

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Staffing Infrastructure

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Hynes recommend that City Council fund the staff recommendations for staffing and infrastructure with \$855,747 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller (excused), Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Bookstein do not concur with staff on the public facilities improvement expenditure of \$800,000 without receiving more information from staff on actual costs.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller (excused), Wachspress.

Emergency Shelter

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Hynes recommend that City Council fund the BFHP Men's Housing with \$170,502 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller (excused), Wachspress.

Immediate Street Conditions and Hygiene

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the Fire: 5150 Response and Transport with \$1,556,857 of Measure P funding and that we consult with staff, including the Fire Chief, about what considerations this commission should make about funding in the future in order to find ways to target the funding to people experiencing homelessness.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller (excused), Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Marasovic recommend that City Council consider that an indeterminate amount of Measure P funds be made available based on a needs assessment for public safety, maintenance, sanitation, and operational viability of the recreational vehicles.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller (excused), Wachspress.

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8. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 5/31/2023

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: 