



Homeless Commission

MEETING AGENDA March 9, 2022 – 7:00 PM

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Commission Secretary: Josh Jacobs (jjacobs@cityofberkeley.info; 510-225-8035)

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Terry Taplin:
Vacant

Ben Bartlett:
Vacant

Kate Harrison:
Mary Behm-Steinberg

Sophie Hahn:
Vacant

Susan Wengraf:
Carole Marasovic

Rigel Robinson:
Cyn Gomez

Lori Droste:
Todd Andrew

All agenda items are for Discussion and Possible Action.

1. Roll Call.
2. Public Comment.
3. Approval of minutes from February 9, 2022. [Attachments 1].

Updates/Action Items:

4. Agenda Approval.
5. Chair update.
6. Options presentation with two components: a presenter on how the Options system works, all of its programs with various sources of funding, how those sources of funding intersect, and how the programs are coordinated; and a second Options presenter directly working with the homeless on the streets under the recent \$640,000 crisis response monies allocation.
7. Discussion on coordination of homeless services in Berkeley.
8. Discussion, and possible action, on need for a senior shelter and special needs to be met in a senior shelter.
9. Discussion, and possible action, of screening and intake procedures for persons with disabilities entering into homeless programs.
10. Adjourn

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Attachments:

1. Minutes from Meeting of February 9, 2022.

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Berkeley Homeless Commission

MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2022

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

Present: Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Andrew, Behm-Steinberg, Gomez.

Absent: None.

Staff: Jacobs.

Council: None.

Public: 4.

2. Public Comment: 2

3. Approval of minutes from January 12, 2022.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Andrew move to approve the minutes as amended.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Andrew, Kealoha-Blake, Gomez, Behm-Steinberg.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Updates/Action Items:

4. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Behm-Steinberg move item 8 and item 11 before item 5.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Andrew, Kealoha-Blake, Behm-Steinberg.

Noes: None. Abstain: Gomez. Absent: None.

5. Update on heat at shelter at Old City Hall.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Staff update: 1. Pathways/STAIR Center: identify number of clients at site, COVID protocol, accessibility compliance, any modification to facility or programming in the age of COVID; 2. Update on status of the South Berkeley Homeless Outreach Coordinator position; and 3. Update on the Homeless Point in Time Count.

Discussion; no action taken.

7. Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Action: M/S/C Andrew/Marasovic move to elect Carole Marasovic as Chair and Paul Kealoha-Blake as Vice Chair.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Andrew, Kealoha-Blake, Gomez, Behm-Steinberg.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

8. Chair and Vice-Chair Update.

Discussion; no action taken.

9. Right to return policy as it relates to the homeless population.

Discussion; no action taken.

10. Disability accommodations to be identified during intake process and throughout program stay and timing and procedure for providing accommodations.

Discussion; no action taken.

11. Lack of vehicle, volunteer, community-based organization and staff access to campers at Ashby freeway exit.

Discussion; no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Approved on: _____

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____