



**HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2022**

Housing Advisory Commission

**Time: 7:03 pm**  
**Held via Video and**  
**Teleconference**

**Secretary – Mike Uberti**  
**HAC@cityofberkeley.info**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **1. Roll Call**

Present: Libby Lee-Egan, Mari Mendonca, Debbie Potter, Alexandria Rodriguez, and Ainsley Sanidad.

Absent: Nico Calavita (excused), Sara Fain (excused), Xavier Johnson (unexcused), and Leah Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

Commissioners in attendance: 5 of 7

Staff Present: Barb Amaro, Joshua Oehler, Mike Uberti, and Jenifer Vasquez.

Members of the public in attendance: 24

Public Speakers: 13

### **2. Agenda Approval**

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

Vote: Ayes: Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Rodriguez, and Sanidad, and Noes: None.

Abstain: None. Absent: Calavita (excused), Fain (excused), Johnson (unexcused), and Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

### **3. Public Comment**

There were no speakers during public comment.

### **4. Approval of the May 5, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes**

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Fain) to approve the May 5, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes with the revision to Item 5 that notes the recommend that City Council reserve an additional \$8,551,040 for Community Housing Development Corporation's St. Paul Terrace (2024 Ashby) is conditioned on obtaining planning entitlements by June 30, 2024.

Vote: Ayes: Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Rodriguez, and Sanidad, and Noes: None.

Abstain: None. Absent: Calavita (excused), Fain (excused), Johnson (unexcused), and Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

## 5. Discussion and Possible Action to Investigate Violations and Discrimination at Harriet Tubman Terrace

Public Comment: 14 speakers

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Mendonca) to send a letter to the City Council requesting the following:

- City Council review the video created by tenants about conditions at Harriet Tubman Terrace that was shown at the July 7, 2022 Housing Advisory Commission meeting;
- City Council directs the City Manager to investigate health and safety violations and other grievances identified by tenants at Harriet Tubman Terrace;
- City Council request Harriet Tubman Terrace provide tenants with a dedicated tenant advocate to assist with relocation and other needs; and
- Council request Harriet Tubman Terrace owners/management and tenants report back to the Housing Advisory Commission in September to report progress with addressing the grievances identified by tenants.

Vote: Ayes: Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Rodriguez, and Sanidad, and Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Calavita (excused), Fain (excused), Johnson (unexcused), and Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

Action: M/S/C (Mendonca/Potter) to recommend City Council take the following actions:

- Review the video created by tenants about conditions at Harriet Tubman Terrace that was shown at the July 7, 2022 Housing Advisory Commission meeting;
- Direct the City Manager to investigate health and safety violations and other grievances identified by tenants at Harriet Tubman Terrace; and
- City Council request Harriet Tubman Terrace provide tenants with a dedicated tenant advocate to assist with relocation and other needs.

Vote: Ayes: Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Rodriguez, and Sanidad, and Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Calavita (excused), Fain (excused), Johnson (unexcused), and Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

**6. Discussion and Possible Action to Extend Community Agency Contracts for One Year at Existing Levels and Postpone the Community Agency Request for Proposal (RFP) Until FY 2024**

Public Comment: 2 speakers

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Mendonca) to recommend Council that all existing community agency contracts under the Community Agency RFP process be extended for one year at the current baseline one-year funding amount, and that the four-year Community Agency RFP process be postponed for one fiscal year with a consideration that Council provide financial Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for the one year extension to all participating agencies.

Vote: Ayes: Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Rodriguez, and Sanidad, and Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Calavita (excused), Fain (excused), Johnson (unexcused), and Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

**7. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt 2022 Regular Meeting Calendar**

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Mendonca) to adopt the calendar for 2022 regular meetings.

Vote: Ayes: Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Rodriguez, and Sanidad, and Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Calavita (excused), Fain (excused), Johnson (unexcused), and Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

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

**9. Announcements/ Information Items**

**10. Future Items**

**11. Adjourn**

Action: M/S/C (Fain/ Rodriguez) to adjourn the meeting in memory of former Housing Advisory Commissioner Thomas Lord at 10:35 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Rodriguez, and Sanidad, and Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Calavita (excused), Fain (excused), Johnson (unexcused), and Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

Approved:

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