



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION Thursday, February 2, 2023

Approved Minutes

Time: 7:03
Held via Video and
Teleconference

Secretary – Mike Uberti
HAC@cityofberkeley.info

1. Roll Call

Present: Sara Fain, Xavier Johnson, Libby Lee-Egan, Mari Mendonca, Debbie Potter, Ainsley Sanidad.

Absent: Nico Calavita (Excused), Alexandria Rodriguez (Unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (Excused).

Staff Present: Anna Cash, Mariela Herrick, Grace Streltzov, Mike Uberti, Jenny Wyant

Commissioners in attendance: 6 of 7

Members of the public: 9

Public Speakers: 8

2. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C: (Potter/ Mendonca) to approve the agenda with an amendment to defer item #8 (Discussion and Possible Action Fair Access and Transparency in the Residential Application Process Study Session–) to the March HAC meeting.

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

3. Public Comment

There were three speakers during public comment.

4. Approval of the November 9, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)

Action: M/S/C: (Potter/ Mendonca) to approve November 9, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.

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

5. Officer Elections – All/Staff (Attachment 2)

Action: M/S/C: (Mendonca/Sanidad) to elect Commissioner Debbie Potter as Chair.

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

Action: M/S/C: (Potter/Fain) to elect Commissioner Mari Mendonca as Vice-Chair.

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

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Land Acknowledgement Recognizing Berkeley as the Ancestral, Unceded Home of the Ohlone People – All/Staff (Attachment 3)

Public Comment: 2 speakers.

Action: M/S/C: (Mendonca/Lee-Egan) to adopt land acknowledgement recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People and read at the start of every Housing Advisory Commission meeting.

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

7. Approve City Funding for a future Homekey Project– All/Staff (Attachment 4)

Public Comment: 3 speakers.

Action: M/S/C: (Mendonca/ Lee-Egan) to recommend that Council approve up to \$17M in Measure P funding for both the Rodeway Inn and the Russell Street project, as well as \$1M to operate the Rodeway Inn as interim housing prior to permanent housing conversion.

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

8. Discussion and Possible Action Fair Access and Transparency in the Residential Application Process Study Session– Commissioner Simon-Weisberg (Attachment 5)

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

- a. Adoption of Citywide Affordable Housing Requirements (January 17, 2023)
- b. Adoption of 2023-2031 Housing Element Update (January 18, 2023)
- c. Housing Preference Policy Work Session (February 21, 2023)

10. Announcements/Information Items


- a. Return to In-Person Meetings

11. Future Items

12. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C: (Fain/ Lee-Egan) to adjourn meeting at 8:34pm.

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

Approved:  _____, Mike Uberti, Secretary