



Berkeley Homeless  
Services Panel of Experts

## MEETING AGENDA May 19, 2021 – 6:00 PM

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

1. Roll Call.
2. Public Comment on non-agenda items.
3. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2021. [Attachment 1].

### **Updates/Action Items:**

4. Agenda Approval.
5. Chair update.
6. Review Recommendations for Measure P Funding to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee.
7. Begin Discussion of Homeless Services Panel of Experts' Work to be conducted between Budget Recommendations.
8. Adjourn.

### **Attachments:**

1. Minutes from special meeting of April 28, 2021.
2. Chair's Draft Report of Measure P Recommendations. [To be delivered].

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2021

1. Roll Call: 5:02 PM  
**Present:** Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson (absent 5:02-5:05, 7:30-7:59) Bookstein (absent 5:02-5:07, absent 7:10-7:59).  
**Absent:** None.  
**Staff:** Lee, Jacobs, Carnegie.  
**Council:** None.  
**Public:** 4.
2. Comments from the Public: None.

### Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2021.  
**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman to approve the minutes of April 21, 2021 as amended.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Whitson, Bookstein.
4. Agenda Approval.  
**Action:** M/S/C Wehrman/Marasovic to approve the agenda as written.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Whitson, Bookstein.
5. Chair update.  
Discussion; no action taken.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations for Measure P Funding.  
**Action:** M/S/C Scheider/Marasovic the Homeless Services Panel of Experts strongly supports the 1367 University Ave Step Up Housing Project to provide needed housing. HSPE recommends that one-fourth of needed operating expenses for 1367 University be allocated for FY2022 in the event that the facility opens in Spring 2022. If the facility does not open until FY23, we recommend rolling this allocation over to FY23.

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**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommends \$1,000,000 for the Coordinated Entry System, based on actual operating expenditures over the past 2 years.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Sherman the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommends funding Pathways STAIR Center at \$1,499,525 because of the state match (PLHA) for FY22.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Sherman the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommends continuing funding the DBA - Homeless Outreach Worker at the current amount of \$40,000.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Sherman the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommends funding LifeLong Medical Care – Street Medicine at the current amount of \$525,000.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Sherman the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommends funding LifeLong Medical Care – Street Medicine at the current amount of \$525,000.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Sherman the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommends funding the BDIC Locker program at the current amount of \$50,000.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Wehrman/Marasovic to extend the meeting to 8:00 PM.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommends moving \$1,600,000 in funding from permanent housing subsidies to shallow subsidies due to the difficulty in implementing permanent housing subsidies and the time-limited nature of Measure P.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman, Whitson, Bookstein.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman the Homeless Services Panel of Experts strongly recognizes the importance of racial equity training and would like other City funding sources to provide such training to not only City staff but nonprofit organizations that contract with the City of Berkeley, including those servicing persons experiencing homelessness.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman recommends funding \$30,000 to conduct deep comprehensive evaluation of homeless services in the City of Berkeley to supplement current evaluation practices.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Sherman.  
Noes: None. Abstain: Wehrman. Absent: Bookstein, Whitson.

Motion Fails – no quorum.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman \$920,000 for Downtown Streets Team was approved on 4/27/21 Council Consent calendar without referring to the HSPE. HSPE recommends that Council support this program and encourage Council to look for alternative funding sources so that Measure P funding can be directed towards housing.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Sherman, Wehrman.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bookstein, Whitson.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman recommends funding Dorothy Day House for \$566,000 for shelter and 182,000 for Drop-In services.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Sherman, Wehrman.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bookstein, Whitson.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman HSPE recommends funding YSA Tiny Homes at the current amount of \$78,000.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Sherman, Wehrman.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bookstein, Whitson.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Sherman HSPE recommends that at least \$3,000,000 of Measure P funding be leverged with other sources of funding towards the Homekey Project for the purchase of hotels to house persons experiencing homelessness.

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Sherman, Wehrman.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bookstein, Whitson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Minutes Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_