



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
Present: Johnson, Jones, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Feller, and Meany.
Absent: Bookstein.
Staff: Jacobs, Radu, Wyant, Streltzov.
Council: None.
Public: 11.

2. Comments from the Public: 0.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2023.

Action: M/S/C Kealoha Blake/Marasovic move to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

4. Agenda Approval.

Action: M/S/C Jones/Johnson move to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

5. Chair Report.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Recommendation on approving Measure P funding for new application for Project Homekey. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Feller move to recommend that the City consider using up to \$17 million from Measure P monies for Project Homekey 3 applications with the City considering diverse funding streams so that both applicants can apply.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, and Kealoha-Blake.
Noes: Meany. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

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7. Recommendation on approving Measure P funds for Encampment Resolution Funding Program with motel leasing, matched by the state. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to support the City of Berkeley's application for Encampment Resolution Funding to enter into a lease agreement with the Super 8 at 1619 University Ave for four years.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

8. Recommendation for centralization of inclement weather needs. Discussion and possible action.

No action taken.

9. Recommendation on identifying another RV parking lot(s) overseen by a provider with safety inspections and recommendation on waste management for RVs parked on the streets, both to be funded through Measure P monies. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Johnson recommends to Council that they refer to staff to expedite all efforts to identify a location for another RV lot(s) to take the place of the now closed SPARK lot at 742 Grayson and that the new lot identified require mandatory safety inspections and fire extinguishers to be provided. The Homeless Services Panel of Experts further recommends that Council refer to staff to develop a waste management plan to be implemented for RVs currently on the streets.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

10. Recommendation affirming earlier HSPE recommendations for a crisis stabilization center and a domestic violence transition house, both to be funded through Measure P monies. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Jones move to recommend affirming earlier HSPE recommendations for a crisis stabilization center and a domestic violence transition house, both to be funded through Measure P monies.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

11. Recommendation for Measure P funds to be directed towards issuance of a RFP to

a provider to research and address through prevention, outreach, treatment and other strategies fentanyl use due to high rise in fentanyl-related deaths. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Jones move to use Measure P funds, or another funding source, to be directed towards issuance of a RFP or to engage a sole source contract to a provider to address fentanyl use due to high rise in fentanyl-related deaths. Such provider would engage so through prevention, outreach, treatment and other strategies.

Vote: Ayes: Jones and Marasovic.
Noes: Johnson, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, Meany. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

Motion failed.

12. Recommendation to Council that City contract monitors review disability accommodations to all agencies receiving funding confirm disability accommodations or have a definitive plan to make disability accommodations prior to receiving funding. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to Council that the City contract monitors review disability accommodations to all agencies receiving funding confirm disability accommodations or have a definitive plan to make disability accommodations prior to receiving funding.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

13. Chair and Vice Chair Elections. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Johnson move to elect Cameron Johnson as chair.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

Action: M/S/C Meany/Johnson move to elect Marasovic as vice chair.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

14. Discussion on rescheduling the April, 2023 meeting. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

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15. Discussion on impact that HSPE has on Council decisions in oversight, allocating funding, and establishing new programs. Discussion and possible action.

No action taken.

16. Specialized care unit protocol. Discussion and possible action.

No action taken.

17. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Approved on: March 8, 2023

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____

