



# Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

## MINUTES

Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
6:00 PM

### **PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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### **Preliminary Matters**

1. Roll Call

Present: Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill, Bookstein

Absent: Pelley

Quorum: 6 (Attended: 9)

Staff Present: Rhianna Babka, Mary-Claire Katz

Public Present: Carole Marasovic

2. Agenda Approval

**Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Bookstein) to reorder agenda section "Other Discussion Items" and discuss as follows: #10, #26, #12, #14.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.

3. Public Comment

None

### **Update/Action Items**

***The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.***

### **Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business**

4. Approve minutes from the 12/9/2020 Special Meeting (Attachment A)

**Action:** M/S/C (Omodele/Sood) to approve the minutes from the 12/9/20 special meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**Action:** Roll call vote to elect HWCAC Chair. Omodele nominates Behm-Steinberg. Bookstein nominates Yun.

**Roll Call Vote:** Dunner - Yun, Sood - Yun, Kohn - Yun, Omodele – Behm-Steinberg, Behm-Steinberg – Behm-Steinberg, Romo - Yun, Yun - Yun, Hill – Yun, Bookstein - Yun; Noes - None; Abstain - Sim; Absent – Pelley.

The motion passed to elect Yun as Chair with 7 votes in favor of Yun, 2 votes in favor of Behm-Steinberg, and one abstention.

**Action:** M/S/C (Bookstein/Hill) to close nomination and elect Mary Behm-Steinberg as Vice Chair.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.

6. Adopt 2021 Meeting Schedule (Attachment B) – Staff

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Bookstein) to adopt the 2021 meeting schedule with the new meeting time of 6:30PM – 8:30PM.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.

7. Public Hearing Date – Staff

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Bookstein) to hold a public hearing at the April 21, 2021 HWCAC regular meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.

8. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports — Staff (Attachment C)

- a. Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program – Recreational Services for Disabled Commissioners review program and financial reports from Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program.

**Other Discussion Items**

9. Review and discuss City of Berkeley Commission minutes – All

Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.

10. HWCAC Commission Meeting Discussion and Training – Commissioner Kohn

Commissioner Kohn provides training on the HWCAC to commissioners.

11. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee recommendation regarding cannabis tax revenue – Commissioners Sood and Romo

Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.

12. Update on Accessibility at the STAIR Center – Behm-Steinberg (Attachments D and E)

Commissioner Behm-Steinberg provides an update on this topic, which includes purchasing the trailers at Pathways and whether ADA considerations had been part of the design process.

13. Discuss report regarding homeless encampment in South Berkeley near Here/There sign – Commissioner Romo  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
14. Discuss Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act – Commissioner Yun  
**Action:** M/S/C (Yun/Behm-Steinberg) to send the HWCAC secretary contact information to schedule a guest speaker to discuss TOPA.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.
15. Discuss Citywide Restroom Assessment - All  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
16. Discuss encampments proposal – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
17. Discuss rent control recommendation – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
18. Discuss report on the South Adeline Corridor Plan – Commissioner Romo  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
19. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
20. Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
21. Discuss housing issues that impact the poor – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
22. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
23. Discuss consequences of failed elevators in buildings – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
24. Discuss City grant writer procurement – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
25. Update on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele  
Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.
26. Update on HWCAC recommendation to Council regarding Assessment of Vacant Properties – Commissioner Sood

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Yun) for Commissioner Sood to contact the Measure O Bond Oversight Committee as a representative of the HWCAC and to request an update on the status of the assessment of vacant properties.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.

**Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Sim) to extend the meeting to 8:10PM.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.

27. Review latest City Council meeting agenda

Continued to 3/17/2021 meeting.

28. Announcements

29. Future Agenda Items

Review of past CSBG Community Action Plan (Bookstein).

Discuss comprehensive issues on the subject of homelessness (Omodele).

Draft questionnaire to Council about HWCAC priority areas (Bookstein).

**Adjournment**

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Yun) to adjourn at 8:10PM.

**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun, Hill; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Pelley.

**Attachments**

- A. Draft Minutes of the 12/9/2020 Meeting
- B. 2021 Meeting Dates
- C. Program and financial reports from Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program
- D. STAIR email to Disability Commission secretary
- E. Local Adoption of Emergency Amendments to the 2016 California Building Code Governing Emergency Housing

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