



HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2020

Housing Advisory Commission

Time: 7:00 pm
Held via Video and Teleconference

Secretary – Mike Uberti
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APPROVED MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Xavier Johnson, Libby Lee-Egan, Mari Mendonca, Maryann Sargent, Leah Simon-Weisberg, Alfred Twu, and Marian Wolfe.

Absent: Alex Sharenko (unapproved).

Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 8

Staff Present: Amy Davidson, Mike Uberti, and Jenny Wyant

Members of the public in attendance: 2

Public Speakers: 0

2. Welcome New Commissioners

3. Agenda Approval

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

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, Twu, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved).

4. Public Comment

There were zero speakers during public comment.

5. Approval of the March 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Wolfe) to approve the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: Lee-Egan and Twu. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved).

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Guidelines Revisions

Commissioner Wolfe recused herself from this item as she is on the board of Resources for Community Development, an organization that makes funding requests to the City of Berkeley for development projects.

Action: M/S/C (Sargent/Johnson) to recommend to Council to rescind the existing Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Guidelines and adopt revised HTF Guidelines proposed by Staff with the following changes:

- Provide a more detailed definition for the 10% and 40% caps for predevelopment

and development loans, and base the calculation on an annual fiscal year statement of Housing Trust Fund revenue, commitments, and balance;

- Provide more defined standards for a project's interest rate reduction eligibility that are tied to a project's being uncompetitive or ineligible for other funds;
- Require other commissions are provided a notice of applications received during a Notice of Funds Available and the timeline for commenting; and
- Request City staff explore the allowable uses of trainees for labor on Housing Trust Fund-funded projects.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved). Recused: Wolfe.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt a Commission Work Plan for FY 20/21

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Sargent) to adopt a Work Plan for FY 20/21 that includes the recommendations from Commissioner Wolfe as well as the following additions:

- Explore COVID-19's impacts on housing
- Address Council Referral: Research and Recommend Policies to Prevent Displacement and Gentrification of Berkeley Residents of Color and African Americans
- Address Council Referral: Small Sites Loan Program Recommendations
- Identify additional revenue sources for local housing
- Receive an update from the City on temporary and permanent housing opportunities for people currently unhoused in City of Berkeley

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, Twu, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved).

8. Update on Council Items

9. Announcements/Information Items

10. Future Items

11. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Mendonca/Lee-Egan) to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, Twu, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved).

Approved:

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