Housing Department
Commission on Early Childhood Education
Linda Olivenbaum - Chairperson
Barbara Garrett - Vice Chairperson
Gene Biggins - Secretary

MINUTES
Commission on Early Childhood Education
Tuesday, June 18, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Linda Olivenbaum, Doris Mack, Barbara Garrett, Rebecca Wheat, Wilma Jordan; Commissioners Absent: Bonnie Short Raetze, Sara Hicks-Kilday; Staff Present: Eugene Biggins, Secretary; Tedi Crawford, Assistant Secretary.

II. Agenda Review

Agenda item V. was moved to follow agenda item III.

III. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: The Minutes for April 21, 2002 were approved.
M/S/C: Mack/Wheat (Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Hicks-Kilday, Short Raetze)

V. BUSD Early Childhood Program

The Commission received a report from John Santoro, administrator for Berkeley Unified School District’s Early Childhood Education, Extended Day Care, State Preschool Parent/Nursery, Child Development Centers, and Vera Casey programs.

IV. Election of Officers

ACTION: Barbara Garrett was elected to serve as Vice Chairperson.
M/S/C: Mack/Jordan (Ayes: Olivenbaum, Mack, Jordan, Wheat; Abstentions: Garrett; Absent: Hicks-Kilday, Short Raetze)

VI. Establish Commission’s Work Plan for 2002
ACTION: Linda Olivenbaum was selected to type a summary of the work plan for submission to Council. M/S/C: Jordan/Wheat (Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Hicks-Kilday, Short Raetze)

IX. Impact of the Living Wage Ordinance on Child Care Centers and Other Organizations Serving Young Children

ACTION: Support Recommendation to Council submitted by Commission on Labor to protect current two-year subsidy or co-author the recommendation to Council. M/S/C: Mack/Wheat: (Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Hicks-Kilday, Short Raetze)

X. Report on Meeting(s) of the Berkeley Citywide Collaborative for Children and Youth

Tedi Crawford reported on the Cal Corps Public Service Center presentation, “How to Recruit UCB Students as Volunteers”

XI. Announcements

Wilma Jordan reported that Bananas provides subsidies to approximately 82 Berkeley children from 48 families through the CalWorks alternative payment program. They also distribute small stipends ($150-200) from Bayer Corp. to 16 children, and City of Berkeley assistance to seven children.

XII. Public Comment

Ms. Hernandez expressed concern about school readiness.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

July Meeting:
   a) Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department - Madalyn Law
   b) Fire Department - Review fire regulations
   c) Invite Ellen Dressman

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.