



Open Government Commission

MINUTES

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Street
Classroom C (Upstairs)

Regular Meeting
May 18, 2017

Members Present: Brad Smith (Chair), Dean Metzger (Vice Chair), Anna Callahan, Greg Harper, Mark McLean, Patrick O'Donnell, Emma Soichet, Hamsini Sridharan, Brian Tsui

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Savith Iyengar, Secretary/Deputy City Attorney

1. **Call to Order**

Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Roll call taken.

3. **Public Comment (items not on agenda)**

No public comment on matters not on agenda. 5 members of the public in attendance.

4. **Reports**

- a. Report from Chair
- b. Report from Staff

5. **Approval of minutes for the April 20, 2017 Regular Meeting**

- a. Public comment: no speakers.
- b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to approve minutes (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Callahan; Ayes: Smith, Metzger, Callahan, Harper, McLean, O'Donnell, Soichet, Sridharan, Tsui; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

6. **2016 Annual Report**

- a. Public comment: no speakers.
- b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to continue item to next meeting (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Callahan; Ayes: Smith, Metzger, Callahan, Harper, McLean, O'Donnell, Soichet, Sridharan, Tsui; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

Chair, with consent of Commission, reordered agenda to hear item 8 before item 7.

8. **Adding Chapter 2.09 to the Berkeley Municipal Code, Lobbyist Registration and Regulations**

- a. Public comment: no speakers.
- b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to create ad hoc subcommittee to consider this issue comprised of Vice Chair Metzger and Commissioners Callahan and Soichet (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Soichet; Ayes: Smith, Metzger, Callahan, Harper, McLean, O'Donnell, Soichet, Sridharan, Tsui; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

Motion to direct Chair to work with staff to address cost, the legal ability of the Commission to take on role proposed by the draft ordinance, the scrutiny these changes may receive from the City Council and how best to formulate the recommendation, and the estimated number of lobbyists in Berkeley (M/S/C: Metzger/Callahan; Ayes: Smith, Metzger, Callahan, Harper, McLean, O'Donnell, Soichet, Sridharan, Tsui; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

7. **Amending the Revolving Door Ordinance in Berkeley Municipal Code 2.07.020**

- a. Public comment: no speakers.
- b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to continue item to next meeting (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Harper; Ayes: Smith, Metzger, Callahan, Harper, McLean, O'Donnell, Soichet, Sridharan, Tsui; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

9. **Possible limits on re-ordering of the agenda during Council meeting**

- a. Public comment: no speakers.
- b. Commission discussion.

Motion to find that the April 5, 2016 City Council meeting was problematic and recommend that the Council revisit its agenda setting policies with the goal of limiting the reordering of agenda items (M/S/C: McLean/Soichet; Ayes: Smith, Metzger, Callahan, Harper, McLean, O'Donnell, Soichet, Sridharan, Tsui; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

10. **Information item: recommendation regarding replacement of commissioners**

No action taken.

11. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Harper; Ayes: Smith, Metzger, Callahan, Harper, McLean, O'Donnell, Soichet, Sridharan, Tsui; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.