

Berkeley Homeless  
Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

January 10th, 2018

### 1. Roll Call: 7:00 PM

**Present:** Anglade, Caldeira, Gor, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake (absent 9:19-9:25 PM), Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Radu, Patterson

**Public:** 19

### 2. Comments from the Public: Three.

### 3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of November 8, 2017.

**Action:** M/S/C Kealoha-Blake/Hirpara to approve the minutes of 11/8/17 as written.

**Vote:** Ayes: Gor, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Anglade, Caldeira. **Absent:** None.

## Update/Action Items

### 4. Agenda Approval

**Action:** M/S/C Gor/Caldeira to approve the agenda after removing item #13 (Discussion, and possible action, regarding City's response to pending litigation [winter shelter report]) and rescheduling it for the February 14, 2018 regular meeting of the Commission; and moving item #12 (Discussion and possible recommendations on a centralized referral system for shelter, clothing, equipment and other measures needed in inclement weather) to #9 on the agenda.

**Vote:** Ayes: Anglade, Caldeira, Gor, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

### 5. Staff and Chair updates.

Discussion, no action taken.

### 6. Approval of 2018 Homeless Commission Meeting Schedule.

**Action:** M/S/C Caldeira/Sutton that the Homeless Commission approve the 2018 regular meeting schedule as written.

**Vote:** Ayes: Anglade, Caldeira, Gor, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

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7. Presentation with questions and answers from YSA, Fred Finch, YEAH!, and Berkeley Hearing Voices Network regarding City Council's referral to the Homeless Commission to develop a Homeless Youth Policy and recommended programs for the City of Berkeley.

Discussion, no action taken.

8. Discussion and possible action on City Council's referral to the Homeless Commission to develop a Homeless Youth Policy and recommended programs for the City of Berkeley.

Discussion, no action taken.

9. Discussion and possible recommendations on a centralized referral system for shelter, clothing, equipment and other measures needed in inclement weather.

**Action:** M/S/C Gor/Kealoha-Blake to recommend that the City of Berkeley provide a centralized location which will have a voicemail number for the distribution of clothing, sleeping bags, socks, tents, and other equipment for inclement weather; and that the City encourage a non-profit organization to lead a volunteer-based effort to provide this function.

**Vote:** Ayes: Caldeira, Gor, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic.  
Noes: Anglade, Orgain, Sutton. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

**Action:** M/S/C Caldeira/Gor to extend the meeting to 9:30.

**Vote:** Ayes: Anglade, Caldeira, Gor, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.  
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

10. Discussion and possible action on an additional meeting for 2018.

**Action:** M/S/C Sutton/Orgain to invite Councilmember Sophie Hahn to present on the Pathways Project to Address Homelessness in Berkeley at the March meeting of the Commission.

**Vote:** Ayes: Anglade, Caldeira, Gor, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.  
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

**Action:** M/S/C Caldeira/Anglade to recommend that Council grant the Homeless Commission an additional meeting for 2018 that will be specifically focused on housing issues.

**Vote:** Ayes: Anglade, Caldeira, Gor, Hirpara, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

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Noes: Kealoha-Blake. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

11. Discussion and possible recommendations on the Civic Center port-a-potty.

Item held over until the February 14, 2018 meeting.

12. Discussion and possible action on the Homeless Commission's possible shift from quantitative to qualitative recommendations during the community agency funding process.

Item held over until the February 14, 2018 meeting.

13. Propose agenda items for next meeting.

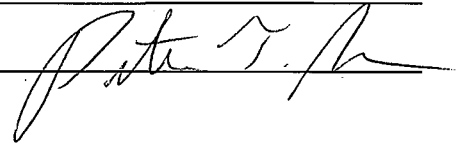
- Discussion and possible recommendation on changing the name of the Homeless Commission.
- Discussion and possible recommendation on appointing a subcommittee to visit Pathways and the 9<sup>th</sup> and University Winter Shelter Site.
- Presentation with questions and answers from the Mayor's Office regarding the distribution of tents, clothing, socks, sleeping bags, and other equipment needed for inclement weather to persons experiencing homelessness in Berkeley.
- Discussion and possible action regarding communications between the Homeless Commission and Council.

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Minutes Approved on:

2/14/18

Peter Radu, Commission Secretary:



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