



Berkeley Homeless
Commission

MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2017

1. Roll Call: 7:00PM

Present: Castellanos, Cohen, Davis, Feller, Orgain, Peterson.

Absent: Lee.

Staff: Vasquez, Wicker

Public: 3

2. Comments from the Public: 2

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of November 9, 2016.

Action: M/S/C Peterson/Davis to approve the minutes of 11/9/16, as written.

Vote: Ayes: Castellanos, Cohen, Davis, Feller, Orgain, Peterson.

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

Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C Davis/Cohen move to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Castellanos, Cohen, Davis, Feller, Orgain, Peterson.

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

5. Election of Chair for January meeting

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Feller to elect Commissioner Davis as Chair until the regular election is held at the February meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Castellanos, Cohen, Davis, Feller, Orgain, Peterson.

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

6. City Council Updates:

- Proposed emergency measures
- Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Staff gave an update on Council action at the meeting of December 13, 2016, and the subsequent effort to have winter shelter beds available in Berkeley on a nightly basis. Discussion, no action taken.

7. Grievance subcommittee update.

Discussion, no action taken.

A Vibrant and Healthy Berkeley for All

8. Overview of applications received for City funding for homeless services and review process

Reviewed conflict of interest guidelines. Commissioner Orgain disclosed that she has a potential conflict of interest as an employee of the Homeless Action Center, and recused herself and left the meeting for the remainder of the discussion.

Discussion, no action taken.

9. Propose agenda items for next meeting:

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- RFP proposal discussion and review

10. Adjourn @ 8:30 PM

Minutes Approved on: February 8th, 2017

Andrew Wicker, Commission Secretary: 