



Berkeley Homeless
Commission

MEETING MINUTES

February 22nd, 2017

1. Roll Call: 7:00PM

Present: Cohen, Davis, Feller, Lee, Marasovic.

Absent: Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

Staff: Vasquez, Wicker

Public: 23

2. Comments from the Public: 18

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of February 8th, 2017.

Action: M/S/C Lee/Davis to approve the minutes of 2/8/17 as written.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Davis, Feller, Lee, Marasovic.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

No changes made to the order of the agenda.

5. Review of community agency applications for funding

Emergency Shelters

Action: M/S/C Davis/Cohen to at least maintain level funding for Covenant House/YEAH shelter services.

Action: M/S/C Cohen/Davis to at least maintain level funding for Dorothy Day House/Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter, with a possible increase if sufficient funds are available.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Davis, Feller, Lee, Marasovic.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Davis, Feller, Marasovic.

Noes: Lee. (Commissioner Lee expressed concern regarding financial viability of the agency due to over-reliance on City funding and requested that the agency provide additional information regarding efforts to assure financial stability. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

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Case Management Tied to Permanent Housing

Action: Maintain level funding for case management for the following agencies: BOSS, Berkeley Drop-In Center, Berkeley Food and Housing Project, Bonita House, LifeLong Medical Care, and consider an increase for BDIC and Bonita House if sufficient funds are available, and consider a reduction in in funding for Toolworks.

Vote: Approved by consent.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

Transitional Housing Programs

Action: Maintain level funding for the following Transitional Housing Programs: Options Recovery Services' transitional housing beds and case management for the transitional housing, and BOSS' Ursula Sherman Village/Sankofa House.

Vote: Approved by consent.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

Drop-In Services

Action: Maintain level funding for the following Drop-In Service programs: BDIC, BOSS, WDDC (both Drop-In and Domestic Violence services), and the Suitcase Clinic, and consider and increase for BDIC and WDDC if sufficient funds are available.

Vote: Approved by consent.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

Action: M/S/C Lee/Davis to allow five minutes each for YEAH and YSA to respond to questions regarding each agency's proposal for daytime services for transition-aged youth.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Davis, Feller, Lee.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* Marasovic. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

Action: M/S/C Davis/Cohen to extend the meeting until 9:15PM.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Davis, Feller, Lee, Marasovic.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Castellanos, Kealoha-Blake, Orgain (excused).

6. Propose agenda items for next meeting:

- 5-minute presentations by YEAH and Youth Spirit Artworks
- BFHP presentation regarding the Hub
- Continue RFP proposal discussion and review

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7. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Minutes Approved on: March 1st, 2017

Andrew Wicker, Commission Secretary: 

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