



Berkeley Homeless
Commission

MEETING MINUTES

May 10th, 2017

1. Roll Call: 7:05 PM

Present: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

Late: Kealoha-Blake

Absent: None.

Staff: Radu, Wicker

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2. Comments from the Public: None.

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of April 12th, 2017.

Action: M/S/C Cohen/Orgain to approve the minutes of 4/12/17 as written.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton

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

Update/Action Items

4. Introduction of New Commissioners Gor and Sutton

Discussion, no action taken.

5. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C Feller/Orgain to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

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

6. Election of Vice Chair

Action: Commissioner Cohen nominated Commissioner Orgain for Vice Chair.

Vote: No vote; nomination declined.

Action: Commissioner Orgain nominated Commissioner Cohen for Vice Chair.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

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

Commissioner Cohen is elected to be the new Vice Chair.

7. City Council Updates.

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Feller to authorize Commissioner Cohen to speak to Council on behalf of the full Commission in support of the Commission's funding recommendations for FY 2018.

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Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kealoha-Blake.

8. Possible Support of Police Review Commission's letter to City Manager regarding BPD policy of handling non-abandoned property of homeless people

Action: M/S/C Cohen/Kealoha-Blake that the Commission formally support the Police Review Commission's letter to City Manager regarding BPD policy of handling non-abandoned property of homeless people.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Action: M/S/C Cohen/Feller that the Commission prepare a series of recommendations at the next Commission meeting on how the City should address homeless encampments, based on existing policies and best practices.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

9. Update from Grievance Subcommittee.

Discussion, no action taken. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

10. Update from Subcommittee to Research Resources for Funding

Action: M/S/C Feller/Cohen that the Commission support the subcommittee's recommendations to Council on funding sources.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Marasovic,
Noes: None. Abstain: Orgain, Sutton. Absent: Kealoha-Blake.

11. Commission input into Pathways Project.

Discussion; no action taken. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

12. City acquisition and use of property at 1001,1007 and 1009 University Avenue and 1925 Ninth Street

Action: M/S/C Cohen/Orgain that the Commission draft a letter supporting the Housing Advisory Commission's recommendations to Council regarding use of U1 funds.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Feller, Gor, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kealoha-Blake.

Action: M/S/C Cohen/Orgain to form a subcommittee (consisting of Commissioners Cohen, Gor, and Marasovic) to address matters of joint interest between the Homeless Commission and the Housing Advisory Commission, and to invite the Housing Advisory Commission to form a similar subcommittee.

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Vote: Approved by consent.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake.

Action: M/S/C Cohen/Orgain to extend the meeting until 9:20 PM.

Vote: Ayes: Cohen, Gor, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* Feller. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake.

13. Developing a process for consumers to provide feedback on programs

Discussion, no action taken. Discussion to be continued at next meeting with possible presentation on the subject from invited speakers.

14. Addressing literacy barriers for consumers of homeless services

Discussion, no action taken. Discussion to be continued at next meeting with possible presentation on the subject from invited speakers.

15. Propose agenda items for the next meeting:

- Homeless encampment policy recommendations
- Commission input into Pathways Project.
- Shelter grievance process: status of the subcommittee and update from staff.
- Update from the Housing Advisory Commission regarding the invitation to form a subcommittee to address issues of joint concern between Homeless Commission and Housing Advisory Commission.

16. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 6/14/2017

Peter Radu, Commission Secretary:



