

Berkeley Homeless  
Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

June 14th, 2017

1. Roll Call: 7:04 PM

**Present:** Cohen, Gor, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain.

**Absent:** Feller

**Staff:** Radu, Lee, McCormick, Arase-Barham

**Public:** 2

2. Comments from the Public: 2

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of May 10, 2017.

**Action:** M/S/C Orgain/Cohen to approve the minutes of 5/10/17 as written.

**Vote:** Ayes: Cohen, Gor, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain

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

### Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

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

**Vote:** Ayes: Cohen, Gor, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain

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

5. Developing a process for consumers to provide feedback on programs and addressing literacy barriers: Guest presentation from McCormick and Arase-Barham (from the Mayor's Working Group on Homelessness) with question and answers

Discussion, no action taken.

6. Approval of Commission Work Plan

**Action:** M/S/C Gor/Orgain to approve the workplan, after amending item #3 (Discussion/possible recommendation(s) on the Pathways Project council report) to also be placed on the agenda in January 2018.

**Vote:** Ayes: Cohen, Gor, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Orgain

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

7. Discussion of proposed new Commissioner's Manual and accompanying City Manager's report to Council.

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

8. Possible re-authorization of Shelter Grievance subcommittee

Discussion, no action taken.

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9. Discussion of recommendations regarding a coordinated city homeless encampment policy

Discussion, no action taken.

10. Possible recommendation that the Poor Tour encampment have a permit facilitated to acquire portable bathrooms for their use, possibly at their own cost

**Action:** M/S/C Orgain/Cohen to recommend that Council develop a way, potentially through a permit, to put a bathroom for the purposes of serving the Poor Tour encampment, for the sake of sanitation, safety, and human rights.

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

11. Formation of an encampment subcommittee to meet with the Police Review Commission's encampment subcommittee.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Gor to form a subcommittee, consisting of Commissioners Cohen, Gor, and Kealoha-Blake, on homeless encampments that will meet with the Police Review Commission's encampment subcommittee.

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

12. Input on Housing Trust Fund Request for Proposals (RFP) Priorities

Discussion, no action taken.

13. Recommendation to include prohibition of discriminating against tenant applicants based on source of payment of rent in tenant income discrimination ordinance

**Action:** M/S/C Kealoha-Blake/Orgain to recommend that Council expand the proposed ordinance to prevent housing discrimination based on tenant income to include prohibition of housing discrimination based on source of payment of rent including Section 8 vouchers, Shelter Plus Care certificates and other governmental or private-based rental subsidies, and to approve the letter to this effect prepared by Commissioner Marasovic.

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

**Action:** M/S/C Orgain/Cohen to extend the meeting until 9:10 PM.

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

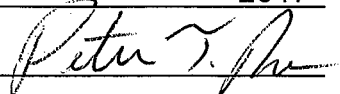
14. Propose agenda items for the next meeting:

- Commission input into proposed new Commissioner's Manual.
- Commission input into Pathways Project report to Council.
- Discussion/possible recommendation(s) on access to mental health services in shelters and other programs (from Fiscal Year 2018 Work Plan)

15. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Minutes Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

Peter Radu, Commission Secretary:

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