



Berkeley Homeless
Commission

MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2017

1. Roll Call: 7:09 PM

Present: Feller, Gor, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake (7:13 PM), Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.

Absent: Cohen

Staff: Radu

Public: 7

2. Comments from the Public: Five.

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

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Feller to approve the minutes of 7/12/17 as written.

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

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

Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C Feller/Orgain to approve the agenda after amending it to re-order item #10 (Update on Porta-potties at First They Came for the Homeless at Adeline) after item #6 (Presentation from Susan Henderson, DREDEF, on ZAB appeal of 2527 San Pablo Avenue, Q&A, discussion and possible action).

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

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

5. Staff updates

Action: M/S/C Gor/Kealoha-Blake to authorize the Chair to contact the Mayor's Office to provide a mechanism to address systemic concerns of clients that are homeless at the Mayor's CBO Working Group meetings.

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

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

6. Presentation from Susan Henderson, DREDEF, on ZAB appeal of 2527 San Pablo Avenue, Q&A, discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Sutton that the Chair submit a letter and address Council during the ZAB appeal of 2527 San Pablo Avenue, opposing the Shelter Plus Care waiver on the grounds that it violates Fair Housing law and is discriminatory.

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

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

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7. Update on Porta-potties at First They Came for the Homeless at Adeline

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Kealoha-Blake recommending that Council develop a quick, barrier-free process to provide port-a-potties, wash stations, and trash pickup for unsheltered homeless residents, prioritizing the largest encampments and taking into consideration proximity, safety, and accessibility.

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

8. Discussion of the Commission's future role in the City of Berkeley's community agency funding process.

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

9. Discussion/possible recommendation(s) on the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool.

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

10. Update from the Encampment Subcommittee.

Discussion; no action taken.

11. Discussion and possible recommendations on Councilmember Hahn's memo on proposed traffic engineer regulations for objects on sidewalks.

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

Action: M/S/C Orgain/Feller to extend the meeting to 9:15.

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

12. Update on Commissioner's Manual.

Discussion, no action taken.

13. Propose agenda items for the next meeting:

- Possible re-authorization of the Grievance Subcommittee
- Discussion of the Commission's future role in the City of Berkeley's community agency funding process
- Discussion and possible recommendations on Councilmember Hahn's memo on proposed traffic engineer regulations for objects on sidewalks
- Discussion and possible recommendations regarding emergency shelter and equipment availability during the rainy season.

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14. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Minutes Approved on: _____

10/11/17

Peter Radu, Commission Secretary: _____

