



HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 5, 2017

Housing Advisory Commission

Time: 7:04 p.m.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street – Berkeley
Secretary – Amy Davidson, (510) 981-5406

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Luis Amezcua, Xavier Johnson, Rashi Kesarwani, Matthew Lewis (7:06pm), Thomas Lord, Igor Tregub, Marian Wolfe, and Amir Wright.

Absent: None.

Commissioners in attendance: 8 of 8

Staff Present: Amy Davidson and Jenny Wyant

Members of the public in attendance: 4

Public Speakers: 2

2. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Wolfe) to approve the agenda as amended (remove item 9).

Vote: Ayes: Amezcua, Johnson, Kesarwani, Lord, Tregub, Wolfe, and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Lewis (unexcused).

3. Public Comment

One member of the public spoke.

4. Approval of September 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Wolfe/Lewis) to approve the minutes with the following changes:

- Under item 6. Meeting Process, update number 3 to read, “Introduce a motion onto the floor as soon as possible for further discussion.”
- Adjust the indent of the meeting’s final action leftward to differentiate it from item 11.

Vote: Ayes: Amezcua, Johnson, Kesarwani, Lewis, Tregub, Wolfe, and Wright. Noes: Lord. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

5. Appointment of Density Bonus Subcommittee

Action: M/S/C (Lewis/Kesarwani) to approve the following:

1. The creation of the Density Bonus Subcommittee, whose charge is to obtain an understanding of existing state and local density bonus policies, research how these policies impact Berkeley, and make recommendations on the subject matter to the Housing Advisory Commission before June 30, 2018.

2. The appointment of the following Commissioners to the subcommittee:

Commissioners Amezcua, Lewis, Tregub, and Wolfe.

Vote: Ayes: Amezcua, Johnson, Kesarwani, Lewis, Tregub, Wolfe, and Wright. Noes: Lord. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

6. Discussion and Adoption of Revisions to the Student Housing Subcommittee Work Plan

Commissioner Lord recused himself, because he is engaged in a legal dispute with the Housing Advisory Commission regarding the process used to create this subcommittee.

Action: M/S/C (Lewis/Wright) to approve adding the items listed in Commissioner Lewis' September 26, 2017 email to the Student Housing Subcommittee's Work Plan.

Vote: Ayes: Amezcua, Johnson, Kesarwani, Lewis, Tregub, and Wright. Noes: Wolfe. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Recused: Lord.

7. Additional Appointments to Student Housing and Moderate Income Subcommittees

Commissioner Lord recused himself, because he is engaged in a legal dispute with the Housing Advisory Commission regarding the process used to create this subcommittee.

Action: M/S/C (Lewis/Wolfe) to approve the appointment of Commissioner Wright to the Student Housing Subcommittee.

Vote: Ayes: Amezcua, Johnson, Kesarwani, Lewis, Tregub, Wolfe, and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Recused: Lord.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations to Update the Smoke-Free Housing Ordinance and/or Associated Implementation Tools

Public Speakers: 1

Action: M/S/C (Lord/Johnson) to approve the following:

1. The creation of a Smoke-Free Housing Subcommittee, whose charge is to consider updates to the City's Smoke-Free Housing Ordinance and existing implementation of the ordinance, to propose revisions to these to improve the accessibility and effectiveness of the ordinance, and to propose methods for obtaining public input into the needs of the ordinance. The subcommittee has a two month timeframe for reporting back to the Housing Advisory Commission.
2. The appointment of Commissioners Johnson and Lord to the subcommittee.
3. The submission of a letter to City Council recommending the following changes to the implementation of the ordinance:
 - a. No longer requiring the landlord's address on complaint forms.
 - b. Providing additional methods for submitting complaint forms (i.e. online, via email, or in person).

Vote: Ayes: Amezcua, Johnson, Kesarwani, Lewis, Lord, Tregub, Wolfe, and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Strategies to Increase Funding for Affordable Housing

Action: M/S/C (Lewis/Kesarwani) to refer the question of how to increase funding for

affordable housing to the following subcommittees of the Housing Advisory Commission: Low-Income Housing, Moderate-Income Housing, and Student Housing.
Vote: Ayes: Amezcua, Johnson, Kesarwani, Lewis, Tregub, Wolfe, and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: Lord. Absent: None.

10. Update on Council Items

11. Announcements / Information Items

12. Future Items

13. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Wright/Amezcua) to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Amezcua, Johnson, Kesarwani, Lewis, Lord, Tregub, Wolfe, and Wright.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Approved on November 2, 2017

_____, Amy Davidson, Secretary