



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.

Berkeley, CA 94703

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 7:10PM
Present: Dunner, Sood, Omodele, Bookstein, Vrankovecki, Howard, Mutombu (left at 8:20PM)
Absent: Sarkoodee-Adoo, Earl
Quorum: 5 (Attended: 7)
Staff Present: Kristen Lee and Wing Wong
2. Public Comment: 0

Update/Action Items

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

3. Approve Minutes from the 9/20/2017 Regular Meeting
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 9/20/2017 minutes with edits on item #12.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Omodele, Bookstein, Vrankovecki, Mutombu; Noes – None; Abstain – Howard; Absent – Sarkoodee-Adoo, Earl.
4. Update on Strategic Planning Training Process
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to cancel 11/15/2017 regular meeting and have strategic planning training on 11/5/2017 from 12pm to 5pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Omodele, Bookstein, Vrankovecki, Mutombu; Noes – None; Abstain – Howard; Absent – Sarkoodee-Adoo, Earl.
5. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports
Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial report for SEEDS Community Resolution Center. Commissioners expressed concerns with its outreach efforts to the low-income population.

Commissioners expressed the following ideas related to the next Request For Proposal (RFP) process which will be released in November 2018:

- a. Mandate that a certain amount of each agency's budget to be used on outreach to low-income residents.
- b. City funding depends on the extent of outreach to low-income residents.

Other Discussion Items

6. Discuss Community Meeting Locations
Commissioners discussed the feasibility of the following:
 - a. holding meetings for community feedback at various locations such as restaurants or barbershops;

- b. forming subcommittees with a specific topic that would meet at various locations; and
- c. being present in a location that serves as a “listening booth” so residents can speak about issues of concern to them.

Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

7. Update on the Closure of Alta Bates Hospital

Commissioner Omodele will draft a report to the City Council to recommend holding neighborhood meetings in each district. Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

8. Discuss Berkeley Homeless Policy

Action: M/S/C (Vrankovecki/Dunner) to appoint commissioners Omodele, Bookstein and Vrankovecki to form a homeless subcommittee

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Omodele, Bookstein, Vrankovecki, Mutombu; Noes – None; Abstain – Howard; Absent – Sarkoodee-Adoo, Earl.

Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

9. Update on Air Quality in West Berkeley

Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

10. Update on the Development of an Office of the Anti-Displacement Advocate

Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

11. Discuss Skills Training Programs for Low-income Residents

Commissioners discussed the possibility that the HWCAC review (a) skills training and employment funding applications and (b) funding additional training programs in the next Request For Proposal (RFP) process. Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

12. Discuss Extended Early Childcare

Commissioner Sood will gather more information on this item with a commissioner from the Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission. Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

13. Discuss Ways to Increase Accessibility of Banking and Business Loan for Low-income Residents

Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

14. Discuss Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program

Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

15. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda

Continued to the 11/5/2017 meeting.

Adjournment

Adjourned at: 9:36 pm

Minutes approved on: 11/5/2017

Commission Secretary: Wing Wong