



# Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

## Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

7:00 PM

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave.

Berkeley, CA 94705

### Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 7:10PM  
Present: Fu, Dunner, Sood, Sarkodee-Adoo, Browne (7:25PM)  
Absent: Perez-Santiago (excused), Omodele (excused), McMullan  
Quorum: 4 (Attended: 5)  
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 2/15/2017 Regular Meeting.  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 2/15/17 minutes as submitted.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Fu, Dunner, Sood, Sarkodee-Adoo; Noes – None; Abstain – None;  
Absent – Perez-Santiago (excused), Omodele (excused), Browne, McMullan.
4. Election of Low-Income Representative  
A candidate (Ms. Denah S. Bookstein) has been elected as the Representative of the Low-Income Individuals and Families for District 1. Her appointment will be considered for confirmation by the City Council on 5/16/2017.  
  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sarkodee-Adoo/Dunner) to elect Ms. Bookstein to fill one of the current vacancies in District 1.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Fu, Dunner, Sood, Sarkodee-Adoo; Noes – None; Abstain – None;  
Absent – Perez-Santiago (excused), Omodele (excused), Browne, McMullan.
5. Update on Community Agency Applications for FY 2018-2019 Funding  
The HWCAC reviewed the February 15, 2017 recommended distribution across agencies and decided to update the distribution to include Lifelong Medical Care Acupuncture Program, resulting in equal distribution across all submitted applications except for: Family Violence Law Center's Domestic Violence and Homeless Prevention program, J-Sei's Senior Services program, Lifelong Medical Care's Primary Care program, and Lifelong Medical Care's Geriatric Care/Hypertension program.  
  
**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/Fu) to approve the distribution above.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Fu, Dunner, Browne, Sarkodee-Adoo; Noes – Sood; Abstain – None; Absent – Perez-Santiago (excused), Omodele (excused), McMullan.
6. Discuss Commission Work Plans  
City Clerk reminded HWCAC to submit a workplan to the City Council at the beginning of each fiscal year (July 1.)

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to submit the workplan after a strategic plan training.

**Vote:** Ayes – Fu, Dunner, Sood, Browne, Sarkodee-Adoo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Perez-Santiago (excused), Omodele (excused), McMullan.

7. Update on Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) reports  
Commissioners reviewed CSBG 2016 Information Survey reports, which were submitted to CSD in March 2017.
8. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports – Staff  
Commissioners reviewed and discussed the FY 16 program and financial reports for (A) Berkeley Place Inc. and (B) Bonita House.

### Other Discussion Items

9. Review Draft Communication To City Council Regarding the Closure of Alta Bates Hospital  
Continued to the 4/19/2017 meeting.
10. Discuss Berkeley Homeless Policy  
Continued to the 4/19/2017 meeting.
11. Update on Air Quality in West Berkeley  
HWCAC submitted a communication submitted to the City Council on 11/16/16. The communication included a recommendation that City Council engage the West Berkeley community in developing a long-term air quality monitoring program.  
  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Browne) to re-submit the communication to City Council.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Fu, Dunner, Sood, Browne, Sarkodee-Adoo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Perez-Santiago (excused), Omodele (excused), McMullan.
12. Discuss HWCAC Recommendations to City Council to Change BMC Section 3.78.030, 040, and 050 Related to Commission Procedures  
Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 is the ordinance governing the functions and procedures of HWCAC. HWCAC submitted a report to the City Council on 10/18/16 for consideration to amend vacancy and termination procedures.  
  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Sarkodee-Adoo) to re-submit this report to City Council.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Fu, Sood, Browne, Sarkodee-Adoo; Noes – Dunner; Abstain – None; Absent – Perez-Santiago (excused), Omodele (excused), McMullan.
13. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda  
Commissioner Sood talked about SB 687 (item #14) on the 3/14/2017 City Council Agenda. City Council adopted a resolution in support of SB 687, authored by State Senator Nancy Skinner, which will give the Attorney General of California the authority to oversee and consent to the sale/closure of non-profit hospitals.

14. Future Agenda Items

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Browne) to allow commissioners to submit agenda items 2 weeks prior to a meeting at the discretion of the Chair and the secretary.

**Vote:** Ayes – Fu, Dunner, Sood, Browne, Sarkodee-Adoo; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Perez-Santiago (excused), Omodele (excused), McMullan.

**Adjournment**

**Adjourned at: 9:00 pm**

**Minutes approved on: 5/17/2017**

**Commission Secretary: Wing Wong**