



# Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

## Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

7:00 PM

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave.

Berkeley, CA 94705

### Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 7:05PM  
Present: Dunner, Sood, Bookstein, Mutombu, McMullan  
Absent: Sarkodee-Adoo (excused), Omodele (excused), Browne  
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 3/15/2017 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 3/15/17 minutes as submitted.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Bookstein, Mutombu, McMullan; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Sarkodee-Adoo (excused), Omodele (excused), Browne.
4. Election of Chair  
**Action:** M/S/C (Dunner/McMullan) to nominate Commissioner Bookstein for the position of Chairperson.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Bookstein, Mutombu, McMullan; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Sarkodee-Adoo (excused), Omodele (excused), Browne.
5. Update on Community Agency Applications for FY 2018-2019 Funding  
Community agencies seek funding from the City every two years. There are 15 programs which submitted applications to provide services to low-income residents for FY 2018 and 2019. Commissioners made funding recommendations in March and their recommendations were reviewed by the City Council at the April 25, 2017 work session. The City Council will make final decision on June 27, 2017.
6. Update on Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) reports -- Staff
  - A. Commissioners reviewed 2016 Close Out Report.
  - B. Commissioners were informed that 2018-2019 Community Action Plan (CAP) is due on June 30, 2017. A draft CAP will be included in the June meeting packet. Continued to the June 21, 2017 meeting.
7. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports – Staff

- A. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial reports for Berkeley Food and Housing Project (BFHP), which has two programs: Mens Housing Program and Womens Shelter.
- B. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial reports for Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS), which has two programs: Payee Services, Ursula Sherman Village Families Program, and Ursula Sherman Village Shelter Program.

### **Other Discussion Items**

- 8. Review Draft Communication To City Council Regarding the Closure of Alta Bates Hospital  
Continued to the June 21, 2017 meeting.
- 9. Discuss Berkeley Homeless Policy  
Continued to the June 21, 2017 meeting.
- 10. Discuss the Development of an Office of the Anti-Displacement Advocate  
Commissioners discussed a proposal to the City Council to develop an office of the anti-displacement advocate. This included \$500,000 for legal advocacy and \$470,000 on housing retention. Continued to the June 21, 2017 meeting.
- 11. Discuss Ways to Increase Accessibility of Banking and Business Loan for Low-income Residents  
Continued to the June 21, 2017 meeting.
- 12. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda  
Commissioners reviewed City Council Meeting Agenda items. Continued to the June 21, 2017 meeting

### **Adjournment**

**Adjourned at: 9:30 pm**

**Minutes approved on: 6/21/2017**

**Commission Secretary: Wing Wong**