



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.

Berkeley, CA 94703

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 7:04 PM
Present: Dunner, Sood, Mutombu, Omodele, Sarkodee-Adoo
Absent: Bookstein (excused), Earl (excused)
Quorum: 4 (Attended: 5)
Staff Present: Kristen Lee and Wing Wong
2. Public Comment: 1 (for item #11)

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

3. Approve Minutes from the 7/19/2017 Regular Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Dunner/Sarkodee-Adoo) to approve the 7/19/2017 minutes.

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

4. Election of Low-Income Representative (Candidate Howard)

A candidate (Ms. Dru Howard) has been elected as the Representative of the Low-Income Individuals and Families for District 2. Her appointment will be considered for confirmation by the City Council on 11/14/2017.

Action: M/S/C (Dunner/Sarkodee-Adoo) to elect Ms. Howard to fill one of the current vacancies in District 2.

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

5. Discuss Strategic Planning Training Process

Commissioners discussed cancelling the 11/15/2017 regular meeting and scheduling a special meeting for Strategic Planning Training on 11/5/2017 with CalCAPA. Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

6. Review City of Berkeley FY 2016 Single Audit Report

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the FY 2016 Single Audit Report.

7. Review Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Organizational Standards Report

Commissioners reviewed and discussed CSBG Organizational Standards Report.

8. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports – Staff

Commissioners reviewed and discussed (A) the FY 18 program and financial report review schedule (B) the financial and program reports for McGee Avenue Baptist Church and (C) the financial and program reports for Multicultural Institute.

Other Discussion Items

9. Discuss Community Meeting Locations

Commissioners discussed the feasibility of holding meetings for community feedback at various locations such as restaurants or barbershops. They considered factors such as work schedules and transportation issues. They discussed forming subcommittee to go to different locations and report back. Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

10. Update on the Closure of Alta Bates Hospital

Commissioners voted to invite Alta Bates administrators to attend the meeting and address concerns regarding the closure of the facility. A Subcommittee of the HWCAC was formed in June and will attend meetings held by Community Health Commission, Planning Commission, and Disaster and Fire Safety Commission. Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

Action: M/S/C (Dunner/Omodele) to invite Alta Bates administrators to attend the next HWCAC meeting.

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

11. Discuss Berkeley Homeless Policy

Speaker: 1

Commissioners discussed homeless issues. Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

12. Update on 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 re-submitted a report to the City Council on 5/2/2017 for consideration to amend vacancy and termination procedures. City Council postponed this item at its 5/2/2017, 5/16/2017, and 6/13/2017 meetings, and declined to take any action on this item at its 7/11/2017 meeting.

13. Update on Air Quality in West Berkeley

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Sarkodee-Adoo) to invite West Berkeley Alliance for a presentation.

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

Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

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

Commissioner Sood reported that the City Council developed an Anti-Displacement Advocate, but had no more information about the status of this position. Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

15. Discuss Skills Training Programs for Low-income Residents

Commissioners discussed the possibility for the HWCAC to review skill training and employment funding applications in the next Request For Proposal (RFP) process. Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

16. Discuss Extended Early Childcare

Commissioner Sood wanted to explore the possibility of extending the hours of Berkeley Child Development Center. Commissioners will explore any opportunity to collaborate with the Children, Youth and Recreation Commission on this item. Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

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

Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

18. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda

Commissioners reviewed City Council Meeting Agenda. Continued to the 10/18/2017 meeting.

Adjournment

Adjourned at: 9:15 pm

Minutes approved on: 10/18/2017

Commission Secretary: Wing Wong