



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2021

1. Roll Call: 7:00 PM
Present: Marasovic, Wehrman, Scheider, Sherman (absent until 7:04).
Absent: Bookstein.
Staff: Lee, Jacobs, Warhuus.
Council: none.
Public: 5
2. Comments from the Public: Four.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2021.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Wehrman to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021 as amended.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Sherman, Scheider.
Noes: None. Abstain: Absent: Bookstein.

4. Agenda Approval.

Action: M/S/C Wehrman/Sherman to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Sherman, Scheider.
Noes: None. Abstain: Absent: Bookstein.

5. Chair update.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Staff presentation including recommendation requirements, answers to questions raised by panelists, funding for homeless programs and program types, EveryOne Home Racial Equity and System Planning efforts.

Discussion; no action taken.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations for Measure P Funding.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Scheider move to make the following Measure P allocation recommendation:

A Vibrant and Healthy Berkeley for All

HSPE strongly recommends that the City Council allocate a substantial amount of Measure P funding to purchase a hotel or hotels to house persons experiencing homelessness, in alignment with other available funding opportunities.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Sherman, Scheider.
Noes: None. Abstain: Absent: Bookstein.

Action: M/S/C Schieder/Marasovic move to extend the meeting by 15 minutes

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Sherman, Scheider.
Noes: None. Abstain: Absent: Bookstein.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Scheider move to make the following Measure P allocation recommendation:

Council allocate some Measure P monies to fund shallow subsidies to prevent homelessness for persons at risk and also to support persons experiencing homelessness.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Sherman, Scheider.
Noes: None. Abstain: Absent: Bookstein.

Action: M/S/C Scheider/Sherman move to make the following Measure P allocation recommendation:

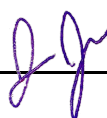
HSPE recognizes there are important opportunities that Measure P money can leverage to secure hotels and that we strongly believe that Measure P money should be used to provide housing and to help prevent homelessness.

Therefore, the HSPE recommends that no Measure P money be used to fund 5150 transports and encourages the City to explore alternative funding sources including the potential for insurance & MediCal reimbursements.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Sherman, Scheider.
Noes: None. Abstain: Absent: Bookstein.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 4/28/2021

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary:  _____