



**Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts**

Commissioner Carrasco's participation was not official and his vote is not counted for official purposes.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2021

1. Roll Call: 6:00 PM
Present: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Carrasco, Bookstein (absent until 6:22 PM).
Absent: None.
Staff: Lee, Jacobs, Warhuus, McCormick.
Council: None.
Public: 2.
2. Comments from the Public: None.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2021.

Action: M/S/C Carrasco/Scheider to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021 as amended.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Carrasco.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.
4. Agenda Approval.

Action: M/S/C Scheider/Whitson to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* Carrasco. *Absent:* Bookstein.
5. Chair update.

Discussion; no action taken.
6. Review Recommendations for Measure P Funding to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee.

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

A Vibrant and Healthy Berkeley for All

“We strongly support the purchase of hotels to provide housing for persons experiencing homelessness. However, due to limited amount of Measure P funding, we recommend pursuing other sources of funding for the Home Key Project if possible, including the \$2.7 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and other funding that can be leveraged.”

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Bookstein, Carrasco.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Action: M/S/C Scheider/Bookstein move to approve the following Measure P recommendation:

“We understand that council has already approved funding for the Downtown Streets Team in the amount of \$920,304 from Measure P. We believe that Council should have referred this item to HSPE to consider. While the DTST is an excellent program, it is not consistent with the HSPE primary priority recommendation which focuses on providing housing for persons experiencing homelessness. We recommend that the DTST funding come from the General Fund.”

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Bookstein, Carrasco.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Action: M/S/C Carrasco/Bookstein move to approve the following Measure P recommendation:

“While we do not recommend Measure P funding for evaluation of service providers, we acknowledge the importance of the gathering of this information and encourage the City to conduct comprehensive evaluation.”

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Bookstein, Carrasco.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Action: M/S/C Scheider/Carrasco move to extend the meeting to 8:15 PM

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Bookstein, Carrasco.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

7. Begin Discussion of Homeless Services Panel of Experts’ Work to be conducted between Budget Recommendations.

Discussion; no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes Approved on: June 2, 2021

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary:

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