



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2021

1. Roll Call: 7:00 PM
Present: Marasovic, Bookstein, Carrasco, Scheider (absent until 7:06), Kealoha-Blake (absent until 7:11).
Absent: None.
Staff: Lee, Jacobs, McCormick.
Council: None.
Public: 2.
2. Comments from the Public: One.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021.

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Marasovic to approve the minutes of May 19, 2021 as written.

Vote: *Ayes:* Marasovic, Bookstein, Carrasco, Scheider.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake.

4. Agenda Approval.

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

Vote: *Ayes:* Marasovic, Bookstein, Carrasco, Scheider.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake.

5. Chair update.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Vice-Chair Election.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Bookstein move to elect Holly Scheider vice-chair.

Vote: *Ayes:* Marasovic, Bookstein, Carrasco, Scheider, Kealoha-Blake.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

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7. Review Recommendations for Measure P Funding to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee.

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

“HSPE agrees to remove the May 19th, 2021, Motion #1 as written below because we now have funding for the \$3 million.

Motion #1 – May 19, 2021:

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

Vote: *Ayes:* Marasovic, Bookstein, Carrasco, Scheider, Kealoha-Blake.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Action: M/S/C Kealoha-Blake/Marasovic move to approve the following Measure P recommendation:

“Replace previous language in the report re: 5150 and replace with:

HSPE prefers that no Measure P funds be used to pay for 5150 transports. HSPE recommends that the City utilize alternate funding sources including FF as well as insurance and MediCal reimbursements. However, we understand that Measure P funds may need to be used to cover 5150 homeless transports, which are 40-56% of all 5150 transports, up to \$1 million.”

Vote: *Ayes:* Marasovic, Bookstein, Carrasco, Scheider, Kealoha-Blake.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

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

“We approve the report as amended with the above motions and below.

Add to the Downtown Streets Team item:

We understand that Council has 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 the HSPE to consider. While the DST is an excellent program, it is not consistent with the HSPE primary priority recommendation which is providing housing for persons experiencing homelessness. We recommend that the DST funding come from the General

Fund, state monies allocated for encampment cleaning, American Rescue Plan Act monies and other funding sources.”


Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Bookstein, Carrasco, Scheider, Kealoha-Blake.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

8. Begin Discussion of Homeless Services Panel of Experts' Work to be conducted between Budget Recommendations.

Discussion; no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 7/7/2021

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary:  _____