



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
Present: Bookstein (absent until 7:12 PM), Johnson, Jones, Kealoha-Blake (absent until 7:22 PM and after 7:57 PM), Marasovic, and Meany.
Absent: Feller.
Staff: Jacobs.
Council: None.
Public: 12.

2. Comments from the Public: 0.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2022.

Action: M/S/C Johnson/Marasovic move to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein, Feller, Kealoha-Blake.

4. Agenda Approval.

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

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, and Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein, Feller, Kealoha-Blake.

5. Discussion on approach taken by a Santa Barbara community to address community's fears of homelessness through collaboration between small business owners and homeless advocates. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Chair report. Discussion.

Discussion; no action taken.

7. Recommendation for centralization of inclement weather needs. Discussion and possible action.

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Marasovic/Johnson move to recommend to City Council that they refer to the Budget and Finance Committee a recommendation for the centralization of inclement weather needs.

Vote: Ayes: Bookstein, Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, and Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Feller, Kealoha-Blake.

8. Recommendation for hot line identifying whether warming center will be open that same evening. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

9. Discussion on the relocation of recreational vehicle lot formerly at SPARK. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

10. Discuss allocation for health care benefits for DDH shelter workers and possible requirement for back-up staffing in the event of an emergency. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

11. Discussion on site visits to Harrison House/Sankofa House and Bridget House and plan next site visit. Discussion and possible action.

No action taken.

12. Discussion on impact that HSPE has on Council decisions in oversight, allocating funding, and establishing new programs. Discussion and possible action.

No action taken.

13. Discussion on workplan. Discussion and possible action.

No action taken.

14. Discussion on rescheduling the April, 2023 meeting. Discussion and possible action.

No action taken.

15. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

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Minutes Approved on: 2/1/2023

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____



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