



HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2019

Housing Advisory Commission

Time: 7:02 pm

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street – Berkeley
Acting Secretary – Mike Uberti, (510) 981-5114

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Sarah Abdeshahian (substitute for Darrell Owens), Xavier Johnson, Thomas Lord, Alex Sharenko, Leah Simon-Weisberg, Igor Tregub, Marian Wolfe and Amir Wright.

Absent: Darrell Owens (excused) and Maryann Sargent (excused)

Commissioners in attendance: 8 of 8

Staff Present: Rhianna Babka, Jenny McNulty, Alex Roshal, Mike Uberti, Jenny Wyant

Members of the public in attendance: 20

Public Speakers: 10

2. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Wolfe/Wright) to move Agenda Item #11 before Agenda Item #9 and Agenda Item #12 before Agenda Item #10, and to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Abdeshahian, Johnson, Lord, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub, Wolfe and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

3. Public Comment

There were four speakers during public comment.

4. Approval of the February 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Lord) to approve the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lord, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub, Wolfe and Wright.

Noes: None. Abstain: Abdeshahian. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

5. Discussion and Possible Recommendation on the Rental Housing Safety Program Proposed Fee Increase

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Lord) to recommend to City Council to approve the Rental Housing Safety Program fee increases recommended by staff.

Vote: Ayes: Abdeshahian, Johnson, Lord, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub, Wolfe and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt CDBG Subcommittee Recommendations for FY 2020 Community Agency Request for Proposals Funding

Action: M/S/C (Lord/Johnson) to recommend to City Council to support the CDBG subcommittee's recommendations for the FY 2020 Community Agency Request for Proposals, with an option to schedule a special meeting to discuss the funding recommendation further and amend the recommendation if necessary.

Vote: Ayes: Abdeshahian, Johnson, Lord, Simon-Weisberg, Wolfe, and Wright. Noes: Sharenko. Abstain: Tregub. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

Action: M/S/C (Wright/Tregub) to extend the meeting one hour to 10:00pm.

Vote: Ayes: Abdeshahian, Johnson, Lord, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub, Wolfe and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation on the Draft FY 2020 Annual Action Plan

Action: M/S/C (Wolfe/Tregub) to recommend the Draft FY 2020 Annual Action Plan to City Council for approval.

Vote: Ayes: Abdeshahian, Johnson, Lord, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub, Wolfe, and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

8. Presentation from Theo Ferguson, 1642 Milvia Street Condominium

9. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Revise Code Enforcement Standards to Support Homeowners and Tenants

Public Speakers: 6

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Tregub) to extend the meeting 30 minutes to 10:15pm.

Vote: Ayes: Abdeshahian, Johnson, Lord, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub, Wolfe and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Wolfe) to recommend to City Council that it set in place the policies that would provide housing stability for homeowners and tenants. The City Council should set in place clear, objective, and equitable standards for conducting code enforcement actions and ensure that due process rights of affected homeowners and/or tenants are preserved. In addition, the HAC recommends that the City Council commission a formal fact-finding process to ascertain what occurred in the matter of Mr. Powell. It should also refer this matter to the City Auditor. The fact finding should, among other things, focus on any actions taken by the Receiver in the case of Mr. Powell and any communications that the City has had with the Receiver. The HAC recognizes that additional steps may be necessary in regard to this matter, and may forward additional recommendations to the City Council at a later date.

Vote: Ayes: Abdeshahian, Johnson, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub, Wolfe and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: Lord. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

10. Receive Update on the Bi-Annual Housing Policy Report Subcommittee

11. Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint a Subcommittee

12. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt and Maintain an Annual Commission Calendar

13. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Examine Urban Development Strategies Relative to IPCC Special Report on Global Warming

14. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Coordinate Publically Supported Teacher Housing and Housing Discrimination Laws

15. Update on Council Items

16. Announcements/Information Items

17. Future Items

18. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Wolfe/Sharenko) to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Abdeshahian, Johnson, Lord, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, Tregub, Wolfe and Wright. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (excused) and Sargent (excused).

Approved on March 13, 2019

_____, Mike Uberti, Acting Secretary