



HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2020

Housing Advisory Commission

Time: 7:00 pm

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

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Xavier Johnson, Thomas Lord, Mari Mendonca, Maryann Sargent, Alex Sharenko, Leah Simon-Weisberg, and Marian Wolfe.

Absent: Darrell Owens (unapproved) and Amir Wright (approved).

Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 8

Staff Present: Mike Uberti and Jenny Wyant

Members of the public in attendance: 6

Public Speakers: 5

2. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Lord) to remove Agenda Item #8 and to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lord, Mendonca, Sargent, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg and Wolfe.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (unapproved) and Wright (approved).

3. Public Comment

There was one speaker during public comment.

4. Approval of the February 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Wolfe/Mendonca) to approve the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lord, Mendonca, Sargent, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, and Wolfe.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (unapproved) and Wright (approved).

5. Update from Chair on the State of the Commission

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Reducing the Interest Rate of the 1601 Oxford Housing Trust Fund Loan

Public Speakers: 1

Commissioner Wolfe recused herself from this item as she is on the board of Resources for Community Development, an organization that makes funding requests to the City of Berkeley for development projects.

Action: M/S/C (Sharenko/Simon-Weisberg) to establish a guideline to limit Commissioner comments to no more than three minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Mendonca, Sargent, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: Lord. Absent: Owens (unapproved) and Wright (approved).

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Sharenko) to recommend to Council to reduce the interest rate of Satellite Affordable Housing Associates' 1601 Oxford Housing Trust Fund loan to 1%.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lord, Mendonca, Sargent, Sharenko, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (unapproved) and Wright (approved). Recused: Wolfe.

7. Presentation on Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA)

Public Speakers: 4

~~8. Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Adoption of a Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) Ordinance~~

9. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Social Housing Subcommittee

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Wolfe) to extend the meeting fifteen minutes to 9:15pm.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lord, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, and Wolfe. Noes: Sharenko. Abstain: None. Absent: Owens (unapproved) and Wright (approved).

10. Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Reserving Funding for the Bay Area Community Land Trust to Acquire 1685 Solano Avenue

Public Speakers: 1

11. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Climate Emergency Subcommittee

12. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Joint Subcommittee for the Implementation of State Housing Law

13. Update on Council Items

14. Announcements/Information Items

15. Future Items

16. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Wolfe/Sharenko) to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lord, Sargent, Sharenko, Simon-Weisberg, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: Mendonca. Absent: Owens (unapproved) and Wright (approved).

November 12, 2020

_____, Mike Uberti, Secretary