

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL HEALTH, LIFE ENRICHMENT, EQUITY &
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, December 14, 2020
10:00 AM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Ben Bartlett, and Sophie Hahn
Alternate: Councilmember Rigel Robinson

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VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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AGENDA

Roll Call: 10:05 a.m. All present.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 1 speaker

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - November 23, 2020

Action: M/S/C (Bartlett/Kesarwani) to approve the minutes of November 23, 2020.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

2. Listening Session on Homelessness (15 minutes) – 1 speaker.

3a. A People's First Sanctuary Encampment

From: Homeless Commission

Referred: March 30, 2020

Due: January 30, 2021

Recommendation: The City Council to adopt the People's First Sanctuary Encampment Model incorporating all text in this report, urging best practices for Sanctuary Homeless Encampments with an oversight agency to be named by members of the encampment community and refer to the City Manager to fund liability insurance for the agency chosen by the encampment community.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Brittany Carnegie, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5400

Committee Action Items

3b. Companion report: A People's First Sanctuary Encampment

From: City Manager

Referred: March 30, 2020

Due: January 30, 2021

Recommendation: As part of the referral adopted by City Council on January 21, 2020, the City Manager will direct staff to incorporate parts of the Commission's recommendations which do not conflict with guidance already approved by City Council including: providing clean water, sanitation, accessible toilets and trash removal services for the sanctioned encampment, requiring that a future provider of services for the encampment obtain input from residents of the encampment when developing rules for the outdoor shelter and ensure that the privacy and security of residents is respected and maintained.

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Housing and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: 1 speaker. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to send Item 3b to Council with a qualified positive recommendation for the City Council to take the following action:

1. Direct the City Manager to incorporate parts of the Commission's recommendations, including: providing clean water, sanitation, accessible toilets and trash removal services; and requiring that homeless services providers obtain input from clients when developing rules and ensure that the privacy and security of clients is respected and maintained at all times;
2. In addition, the City Manager shall receive the Homeless Commission's recommendations and retain them for future guidance when developing homeless services programs and models; and
3. That the City Council reaffirms its commitment to dignified and client-centered homeless services.

4. Service Animals Welcome Training

From: Commission on Disability

Referred: March 30, 2020

Due: January 30, 2021

Recommendation: That the City Council refer to the City Manager a request to implement education and training provisions of the Service Animals Welcome Policy and Program:

- a. Work with Business Improvement Districts and Commercial District Organizations to provide opportunities for businesses to learn about their responsibilities regarding service animals in their places of business.
- b. Provide information on Service Animals and Access Rights of Persons with Disabilities accompanied by a Service Animal as required staff training on non-discrimination under applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and policies.
- c. Provide necessary and adequate support to the Disability Compliance Program.

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: Dominika Bednarska, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6300

Committee Action Items

Action: 0 speakers. Item continued to next meeting of the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee.

5. **Support Vision 2025 for Sustainable for Sustainable Food Policies**

From: Councilmember Davila (Author)

Referred: August 31, 2020

Due: February 15, 2021

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a Resolution Supporting Vision 2025 for Sustainable Food Policies
2. Join San Francisco, Chicago and Austin in signing the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) which includes forming an advisory body on sustainable food policies.
3. Support adoption of a Climate-Friendly Food Purchasing Policy as described by Friends of the Earth to replace 50% of the City's annual animal-based food procurement with plant-based food.
4. Short Term Referral to the City Manager to: a. Track the amount of animal-based food replaced with plant-based food; b. Use Friends of the Earth's Municipal Guide to Climate-Friendly Food Purchasing for the procurement of plant-based food.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 1 speaker. Community member Nilang Gor presented an overview of the item. The commission discussed continuing the item to a future meeting, perhaps in February, to provide staff the opportunity to prepare more information regarding the City's food purchasing policies and programs.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

6. **Create and Support an Adopt an Unhoused community program**

From: Councilmember Davila (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: November 16, 2020

Due: May 8, 2021

- Recommendation:**
1. Adopt a resolution to create and support neighborhood volunteers and community groups adopting an encampment, street campers, RV / Vehicle community, located along University Avenue/ Shattuck Avenue / Adeline corridor/ San Pablo Avenue and other areas throughout the City.
 2. Short term referral to the City Manager and/or designee(s) to present to the City Council in 90 days: how to implement the program modeled after the City of Oakland Adopt a Spot Program, identify a community based organization to oversee the volunteers, know what is needed to adequately implement these efforts, including different organizational structure options.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Unscheduled Items

7. Requesting the California State Legislature to introduce actions to value human life and to condemn racial injustice and police brutality

From: Councilmember Davila (Author)

Referred: November 30, 2020

Due: May 22, 2021

Recommendation: 1. Adopt a resolution requesting the California State Legislature to introduce legislation incorporating recommendations from the community to value human life and to condemn racial injustice and police brutality.

2. Send copies of this resolution to State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, State Senator Nancy Skinner, and Governor Gavin Newsom.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Councilmember Bartlett exited the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Items for Future Agendas

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**

Due to the general lack of public comment on the standing “Listening Session on Homelessness” item, Chairperson Hahn removed the standing item from future agendas, noting that community members could speak on the topic during Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters.

The committee agreed that their next agenda would include the following action items as ordered below:

1. Service Animals Welcome Training
2. Support Vision 2025 for Sustainable for Sustainable Food Policies
3. Create and Support an Adopt an Unhoused community program

- **Discussion of future hearings and open forums**

Adjournment

M/S/C (Hahn/Kesarwani) to adjourn. Ayes – Kesarwani, Hahn; Absent – Bartlett.

Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee meeting held on December 14, 2020.

Sarah Bunting, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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