



Planning Commission

FINAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING January 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Benjamin Beach, Barnali Ghosh, Savlan Hauser, Robb Kapla, Shane Krpata, Mary Kay Lacey, Christine Schildt, Jeff Vincent, and Brad Wiblin.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Secretary Alene Pearson, Katrina Lapira, Mike Uberti, and Amanda Montez

2. **ORDER OF AGENDA:** No changes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 1

4. **ESTABLISH GROUND RULES & PARTICIPATION**

Communications:

- None

Late Communications: *See agenda for links.*

- Supplemental Packet One
- Supplemental Packet Two
- Supplemental Packet Three

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 0

AGENDA ITEMS

6. **Discussion:** *Presentation from Community Group*

Ayanna Davis, Director of Programs at Healthy Black Families, shared their personal experience and insights concerning the challenges faced by the Black community from Berkeley.

Public Comments: 3

7. **Discussion:** *Presentation on Partnership for the Bay's Future (PBF) & Berkeley's Initiatives*

Partnership for the Bay's Future Fellow, Anna Cash, provided a background on the Challenge Grant and on-going efforts to research and develop local policies that address the displacement of Black and other people of color from Berkeley. These policies include a local preference policy that would allow those with ties to Berkeley to gain access to new affordable housing and a policy that would give Berkeley tenants the first opportunity to buy the rental property they live in, when the owner decides to sell (TOPA). As part of this work, staff also shared concurrent outreach efforts to engage and receive input from the community. The City will hold a virtual forum on TOPA on Wednesday, January 27 from 5-6:30pm.

Public Comments: 2

8. Action: *Gentrification and Displacement Referral*

Members of the Planning and the Housing Advisory Commission discussed different approaches to address the Gentrification and Displacement Referral, focusing on the parameters for additional research on the impacted Black and Brown populations and possible policy deliverables to be presented to Council.

Public Comments: 3

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion/Second/Carried (Wiblin/Lacey) to incorporate amendments to line 92 and approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2020.

Ayes: Beach, Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Schildt, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

Motion/Second/Carried (Vincent/Krpata) to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 10:05pm.

Ayes: Beach, Ghosh, Hauser, Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Schildt, Vincent, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None (9-0-0-0)

Public Comments: 0

Members in the public in attendance: 14

Public Speakers: 5 speakers

Length of the meeting: 3 hours and 3 minutes



Alene Pearson
Planning Commission Secretary