



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
7:08 pm

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street

Mariela Herrick, Secretary
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1. Roll Call

Present: Sarah Bell, Truman Braslaw, Nico Calavita, Mari Mendonca, Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeño, Debbie Potter.

Absent: Xavier Johnson (unexcused), and Leah Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

Staff Present: Barb Amaro, Rihanna Babka, and Mariela Herrick.

Commissioners in attendance: 6 of 8.

Members of the public: 15.

Public Speakers: 12.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Calavita /Mendonca) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none.
Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

4. Public Comment

There were zero speakers during public comment.

5. Approval of February 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Calavita /Braslaw) to approve the to approve the February 1, 2024 meeting minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none.
Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

6. Update on the Arts and Housing Subcommittee

7. Update and Possible Action on Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Federal Program Year (PY) 2024 (FY 2025)

Action: M/S/C (Ortiz-Cedeño /Braslaw) to recommend that City Council approve the draft action plan for program year 24 (FY 25).

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

8. Update and Possible Action on CDBG Subcommittee's FY 2025-2028 CDBG/General Fund Workforce Development Funding Recommendations

Public Comment: 12

Action: M/S/C (Ortiz-Cedeño /Calavita) to recommend the City Council:

1. Approve the Housing Advisory Commission's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/General Fund (GF) workforce development funding recommendations for FY 2025-2028 as contained in Attachment 1; and
2. Direct City staff to analyze the effectiveness of the CDBG-funded, City-administered single-family rehabilitation loan program. The analysis would examine issues including the program delivery costs, whether the program is duplicative of similar programs (e.g., the Measure A1-funded RenewAC), and the effectiveness of redirecting CDBG funds to other housing services such as emergency repairs and/or accessibility improvements, etc. Staff would report back to the Housing Advisory Commission on its findings as part of the CDBG Consolidated Plan to be completed in Spring 2025; and
3. Approve up to \$100,000 for a community facilities program administered by Rebuilding Together East Bay North when the available CDBG funds allocated for community facility improvements includes a budget carryover and program income exceeds \$133,000 per year; and
4. Allocate an additional \$207,940 from the General Fund to fully fund the requested amounts for Rebuild Together: Safe at Home, the Bread Project, Rising Sun, Multicultural Institute, and Bananas.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

9. Update and Possible Action to Amend the Subcommittee Appointments

- a. Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee
- b. Public Facilities Improvements NOFA Applications Review Subcommittee
- c. Arts and Housing Subcommittee

10. Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)

11. Announcements/Information Items

12. **Future Items**

13. **Adjourn**

Action: M/S/C (Ortiz-Cedeño/ Mendonca) to adjourn meeting at 10:10 PM.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, and Potter. Noes: none.

Abstain: none. Absent: Johnson (unexcused), Simon-Weisberg (unexcused).

Approved: _____, Mariela Herrick, Secretary