



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting Thursday, November 6, 2025 7:01 pm	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street Snow Zhu, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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1. Roll Call

Present: Sarah Bell, Karen Haycox, Syrak Micael, Debbie Potter (Arrived: 7:07), Sean Vaughn Scott, Leah Simon-Weisberg, and Alfred Twu.

Absent: David Shere (excused).

Staff Present: Asavari Devadiga, Kelly deWolfe, Anjanette Scott, and Snow Zhu.

Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 8.

Members of the public: 8

Public Speakers: 0

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Twu/Bell) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Haycox, Micael, Scott, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Shere.

4. Public Comment

There were zero speakers during public comment.

5. Approval of October 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Extend Funding Reservations for Housing Trust Fund Projects at 1909-2919 Ninth St (Ashby Lofts) and 2556 Haste St (Supportive Housing in People's Park), 1708 Harmon St (Ephesian Legacy Court), and North Berkeley BART Station

Public Speakers: 2

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Potter) to recommend that City Council extend the duration of the previously approved funding reservations for Housing Trust Fund (HTF) projects by adopting a resolution to:

- 1) Reserve Housing Trust Funds and other currently available affordable housing funds, including local Measure O Bond funds, Measure U1 funds, Affordable Housing Mitigation Fees (AHMF), and State funds for the following projects:
 - Ashby Lofts (2909-2919 Ninth Street) at \$850,000;
 - Supportive Housing in People's Park (2556 Haste) at \$14,359,593;

- Ephesian Legacy Court (1708 Harmon) at \$14,531,301; and
 - North Berkeley BART Project at \$21,500,000
- 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all original or amended documents or agreements to effectuate these actions.

For 2556 Haste St (Supportive Housing in People’s Park), the Housing Advisory Commission contends that having a developer in place is critical, and makes a recommendation that the selected developer (anticipated as Satellite Affordable Housing Associates) shall provide a presentation to the Housing Advisory Commission, and that the Housing Advisory Commission and City Council be provided updates on the project on a regular basis.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Haycox, Micael, Potter, Scott, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Shere.

7. **Receive Presentation on 2025 Small Sites Program**
8. **Discussion and Possible Action to Release Request for Proposals for Capacity Building for Emerging Nonprofit Affordable Housing Developers**

Action: M/S/C (Haycox/Potter) to recommend that City Council:

- 1) Release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for \$400,000 (\$200,000 per year for fiscal years 2027 and 2028) to support capacity building for emerging nonprofit affordable housing developers; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all original or amended documents or agreements to effectuate these actions.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Haycox, Micael, Potter, Scott, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Shere.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2026 Housing Advisory Commission Meeting Calendar**

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Haycox) to approve the 2026 Housing Advisory Commission Meeting Calendar.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Haycox, Micael, Scott, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Shere.

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

11. **Announcements/Information Items**

12. **Future Items**

13. **Adjourn**

Action: M/S/C (Bell/Scott) to adjourn at 8:58 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Haycox, Micael, Scott, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Shere.

Approved: _____, Snow Zhu, Secretary