



# Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

## MINUTES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.

Berkeley, CA 94703

### Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call  
Present: Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele (7:10 arrival), Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim (7:08 arrival)  
Absent: Holman  
Quorum: 7 (Attended: 10)  
Staff Present: Rhianna Babka  
Public Present: Willie Phillips
2. Public Comment  
None.

### Update/Action Items

*The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.*

### **Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business**

1. Approve Minutes from the 9/18/2019 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 9/18/2019 meeting minutes with no edits.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Omodele, Holman.
2. By-Laws Subcommittee Update  
No update. Commissioner Kohn will provide By-Laws Subcommittee's proposed changes to the 11/20/2019 meeting.
3. Tentative meeting dates for 2020 (Attachment B) – Staff  
**Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Smith) to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2020 as proposed.  
**Vote:** Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Holman.
4. Update regarding 2019 HWCAC commissioner training – Staff  
Staff and commissioners discuss updates to the upcoming training required by Community Service Block Grant Funding. A self-guided training to be presented at the 11/20/2019 meeting.
5. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports — Staff (Attachment C)
  - a. LifeLong Medical Care – Geriatric Care/Hypertension

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial reports for LifeLong Medical Care's Geriatric Care/Hypertension program

### Other Discussion Items

6. Presentation by Willie Phillips regarding gentrification  
Guest Willie Phillips spoke briefly on gentrification in Berkeley.
7. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee – Commissioner Sood  
No updates. Subcommittee will meet and provide an update at the 11/20/2019 meeting.
8. Review of Homeless Commission and Commission on Disability minutes – Commissioner Kohn (Attachment D)

**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Kohn) that the Chair recommends that commissioners review other commission agendas and minutes and highlight items of interest with the HWCAC.

**Vote:** Ayes - Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Holman.

**Action:** M/S/C (Behm-Steinberg/Smith) to form a subcommittee on the idea of a commissioners online forum.

**Vote:** Ayes - Smith, Sood, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - Dunner, Kohn; Absent – Holman.

9. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn  
Continued to 11/20/2019 meeting.
10. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Discussed preliminary issues concerning accessibility in high-density corridors. Commissioner Behm-Steinberg will propose draft language at the 11/20/2019 meeting for a possible communication to Council.
11. Discuss tax bill transparency – Commissioner Sood (Attachment E)  
Discussed Berkeley resident tax bill transparency. Commissioner Sood will propose draft language at the 11/20/2019 meeting for a possible communication to Council.
12. Discuss coach and teacher disclosures – Commissioner Sood  
Discussed with no action.
13. Discuss student feedback systems – Commissioner Sood (Attachment F)  
Discussed with no action.

**Action:** M/S/C (Behm-Steinberg/Sim) to extend the meeting by eight minutes until 9:08pm.

**Vote:** Ayes - Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Holman, Romo.

14. Discuss possibility of commissioners calling into meetings – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg

**Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Behm-Steinberg) to extend the meeting by another five minutes until 9:15pm.

**Vote:** Ayes - Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Omodele, Holman, Deyhim, Romo.

**Action:** M/S/C (Bookstein/Dunner) to add a permanent and provisional accommodation HWCAC agenda item for commissioner Behm-Steinberg to call into a meeting as long as she posts the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act.

**Vote:** Ayes - Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Omodele, Holman, Deyhim, Romo.

15. Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg

Discussed with no action.

16. Discuss encampments proposal (Attachment G) – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg

Continued to 11/20/2019 meeting.

17. Discuss rent control recommendation – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele

Continued to 11/20/2019 meeting.

18. Update on West Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein

Continued to 11/20/2019 meeting.

19. Update on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele

Continued to 11/20/2019 meeting.

20. Review latest City Council meeting agenda

Continued to 11/20/2019 meeting.

21. Announcements

Continued to 11/20/2019 meeting.

22. Future Agenda Items

A. Housing issues impacting the poor - Behm-Steinberg

B. Discussion on gentrification by guest Willie Phillips - Smith

## **Adjournment**

**Action:** M/S/C (Smith/Sood) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes - Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Omodele, Holman, Deyhim, Romo.

## **Attachments**

- A. Draft Minutes of the 9/18/2019 Meeting
- B. Tentative 2020 Meeting Dates
- C. LifeLong Medical Care – Geriatric Care/Hypertension Statement of Expense and Program Report
- D. Homeless Commission and Commission on Disability minutes
- E. Tax bill transparency write-up (Commissioner Sood)
- F. School conflict of interest transparency and student feedback program write-up (Commissioner Sood)
- G. Family Homelessness in Berkeley

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