



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

6:30 PM

2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
Present: Bohn, Huchting, Lippman, Marisol, Sol.
Absent: Lara Cruz (excused)
Quorum: 3 (Attended: 5).
Staff Present: Emily Rose.
Public Present: 2.
2. Agenda Approval
No changes.
3. 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

4. Approve minutes from the 5/21/2025 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Marisol) to approve the minutes from the 5/21/25 regular meeting.
Vote: Ayes – Bohn, Huchting, Lippman, Marisol, Sol. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – Lara Cruz (excused).
5. Approve minutes from the 6/4/2025 special meeting (Attachment B) – All
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Sol) to approve the minutes from the 6/4/25 special meeting with the following corrections:
 - a. Add acronyms in parentheses at the beginning of the minutes to clarify terms
 - b. On page 7 of 21 make the following changes to Commissioner Lippman's statement:
"Commissioner Lippman: I appreciate all of the public speakers. I attended the homeless encampment sweep in the morning and this is a problem. There was at least one arrest after trying to retrieve possessions. Next up is going to be at Ohlone Park. We need to insert the HWCAC into how homelessness is handled within the city and work with other commissions. Change needs to happen at the top of City leadership. LifeLong Medical Care (LLMC) is critical work. This document [Community Action Plan (CAP) and Community Needs Assessment (CNA)] has a specific purpose to meet the federal requirements and it is constrained to that scope and leaves larger questions particularly on the community needs assessment. Key parts- issues highlighted in the CNA include health inequities in Berkeley: poverty rate, income rate, disparities. We need

solutions that go beyond on CSBG funding and LLMC. How can the community needs that are also highlighted in the CNA be addressed and what role can the HWCAC play?”

Vote: Ayes – Bohn, Huchting, Lippman, Marisol, Sol. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – Lara Cruz (excused).

6. Review City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment C) Staff
 - a. LifeLong Medical Care program and financial reports
No action taken.

Other Discussion Items

7. Discussion and possible action to address potential funding gaps for services aimed at low-income residents – All
Public Comment: 1
No action taken.
8. Discussion and possible action to create a plan to collaborate with other City of Berkeley commissions on homelessness – All
No action taken.
9. Discussion and possible action on communicating with the council on homeless encampment sweeps – All
Public Comment: 1
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Bohn) to insert the ideas generated during this meeting into the letter to be drafted by Chair Jose Lara Cruz and sent to City Council on behalf of the HWCAC.
Vote: Ayes – Bohn, Huchting, Lippman, Marisol, Sol. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – Lara Cruz (excused).
10. Discussion and possible action on commission recruitment and outreach efforts – All
No action taken.
11. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
No action taken.
12. Announcements
No action taken.
13. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Invite LLMC acupuncturist to future meeting to talk about her service to the community
 - b. Review documentation of encampment sweeps
 - c. Return to agenda item #7, Discussion and possible action to address potential funding gaps for services aimed at low-income residents
 - d. Start working on a campaign to gather awareness and support – “Tin Cup Campaign”

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Marisol) to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Vote: Ayes – Bohn, Huchting, Lippman, Marisol, Sol. Noes –None; Abstain – None;
Absent – Lara Cruz (excused).

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 5/21/2025 regular meeting
- B. Draft minutes of the 6/4/2025 special meeting
- C. Program and financial reports from TTLG

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