



**CITY / UC / STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

***Committee Members (10):* ✓=Present**

Representing	Committee Member
Council District 4	Councilmember Igor Tregub ✓
Council District 6	Councilmember Susan Wengraf ✓
Council District 7	Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra ✓
Council District 8	Councilmember Mark Humbert ✓
Mayor (Alternate)	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
UC Berkeley	Alfred Day, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Support and Belonging ✓
UC Berkeley	Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community Relations ✓
ASUC Undergraduate (Meeting Chair)	Saanvi Arora, External Affairs Vice President, ASUC ✓
ASUC Undergraduate	Ren Fitzgerald, Local Government Relations Director, ASUC ✓
Graduate Assembly	Sandra Oseguera, External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly ✓
Graduate Assembly	Jose Aguilar, EAVP Liaison, Office of the External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly

AGENDA

1. Roll Call – 3:03 PM
2. AB 2449 Just Cause Exception

- a. Councilmember Tregub unexpectedly needed to participate remotely, and disclosed the reasons and that no one under 18 was present with him in that remote location.
 - b. The Commission made a motion to approve the emergency circumstances and allow CM Tregub's remote participation in the meeting:
 - **M/S/C Humbert/Lunaparra** to approve the emergency circumstances and allow CM Tregub's remote participation in the meeting
 - **Vote:**
 - Ayes:* Tregub, Wengraf, Lunaparra, Humbert, Day, Lizardo, Arora, Fitzgerald, Oseguera
 - Noes:* None
 - Abstain:* None
 - Absent:* Aguilar
3. Public Comment
- a. Seventeen members of the public were present for the meeting.
 - b. One member of the public provided public comment.
4. Approval of Minutes from the Feb 15, 2024 Meeting
- a. **M/S/C Humbert/Lunaparra** to approve minutes of Feb 15, 2024 as written.
 - b. **Vote:**
 - Ayes:* Tregub, Wengraf, Lunaparra, Humbert, Day, Lizardo, Arora, Fitzgerald, Oseguera
 - Noes:* None
 - Abstain:* None
 - Absent:* Aguilar
5. Use of UC Settlement Funds for Priority Capital Projects
- a. The Committee thanked City of Berkeley Public Works for their work on the Southside Complete Streets project, and gave general comments and centered discussion around:

- The decision-making structure for use of Settlement Funds, and how the Committee and others could influence that process for upcoming settlement funding years 2026 and 2027,
 - Funded improvements to the streetscape in the Northside business district on Euclid Avenue;
 - Funding for safety improvements to Zachary's Corner, and future plans for design work in the coming years;
 - General updates on the Oxford Complete Streets project;
 - The need for consideration of the following future projects and priorities: Bowditch corridor, tree trimming/enhancements to lighting on Euclid Avenue, safety improvements to the intersection/pedestrian crossing at Hearst and Spruce, car-free Telegraph Ave., continued funding for the Sacred Rest Drop-in Center, Parker/Warring intersection, pedestrian-free Center St from Shattuck to Oxford, safety improvements to the streets around Caffé Strada
- b. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.
6. Presentation on Bakar ClimatEnginuity Hub Development Project
- a. Wendy Hillis, Campus Architect, provided a presentation for the Committee on behalf of the University.
 - b. General committee comments, questions and discussion centered around:
 - .Excitement for the project, especially the solar and sustainability components and aesthetic improvements over the current buildings there;
 - Concerns for the current business tenants on the parcel and ensuring their needs are met for relocation;
 - Office space for technology start-ups and making Berkeley an incubator location for start-ups
 - c. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.
7. Presentation on Bancroft Student Housing Development Project
- a. Lindsay Facchini, Director of Student Housing Development, provided a presentation for the Committee on behalf of the University.
 - b. General committee comments, questions and discussion centered around:

- The integration of the architectural design choices of the building, including density/height, with the surrounding streets and the uphill views
 - Excitement around the density of the project and the use of the lot for student housing
 - The impacts on overall student housing, including the vision the goal that all freshman and sophomores have guaranteed housing, and the rent impacts relative to the rest of the UC student housing portfolio
 - Mobility units and integrating them throughout the building
- c. The Committee also had discussion around the new parking garage near the Hearst gym, and the impacts this would have on net vehicle traffic into and out of campus and concentrating cars along Bancroft. It was noted that this item was not on the agenda for the discussion, so the Committee resolved to include it in a future meeting of the 4x6.
- d. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.
8. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:
- Next Meeting Date: TBD, but the Committee expressed a desire for more than 2 meetings per academic year and suggested a time in December or January for the next meeting.
 - Next Meeting Facilitator: Saanvi Arora, External Affairs Vice President, ASUC agreed to serve as next Chair.
 - Potential topics for future meetings:
 - Navigable Cities presentation, with a focus on the immediate areas around campus
 - Use of LRDP Settlement funds
9. Adjournment
- a. **M/S/C Lunaparra/Fitzgerald** to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 PM (approved by consensus).