Berkeley Homeless Commission

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2019

1. Roll Call: 7:00 PM

   Present: Brennan, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic
   Absent: Mulligan (leave of absence)
   Staff: Geiken, Radu, Rios
   Public: Four

2. Comments from the Public: Three.

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of April 10, 2019.

   Action: M/S/C Behm-Steinberg/Marasovic to amend the minutes by removing the action to extend the meeting until 9:30, and otherwise approve the minutes of 4/10/19 as written.

   Vote: *Ayes:* Brennan, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic
   Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent*: Mulligan.

Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

   Action: M/S/C Hill/Brennan to amend the agenda for 5/8/19 by removing item #6 (Request to Council for October Homeless Commission meeting to be reinstated) and item #8 (Discussion and possible action on crime by homeless persons and its impact on other homeless persons, including stigma, as well as the impact on the general community); moving item #10 (Discussion and possible action on the Homeless Youth Policy referral response report, including a presentation with Q&A from staff on Youth Works and First Source, two City-operated employment programs) after item #4 (Agenda Approval); moving item #9 (Homeless individuals and families identified by Berkeley Unified School District) after item #5 (Staff and Chair updates); to move item #12 (Continued input to Council on encampments, including vehicle encampments and peer-driven models, and expanded shelter access) after item #6 (Homeless individuals and families identified by Berkeley Unified School District), and to approve the agenda as written.

   Vote: *Ayes:* Brennan, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic
   Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent*: Mulligan.

5. Discussion and possible action on the Homeless Youth Policy referral response report, including a presentation with Q&A from staff on Youth Works and First Source, two City-operated employment programs.

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Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Kealoha-Blake that the Youth Policy Subcommittee be re-established and that Commissioners Hirpara, Behm-Steinberg, and Marasovic be appointed to this Subcommittee.

Vote: *Ayes:* Brennan, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent*: Mulligan.

6. Staff and Chair Updates

   Discussion; no action taken.

   Action: M/S/C Brennan/Marasovic to extend the meeting to 9:15 PM.

   Vote: *Ayes:* Brennan, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic
   Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent*: Mulligan.

7. Homeless individuals and families identified by Berkeley Unified School District.

   Discussion; no action taken. Item will be re-agendized at the June 12 meeting.

8. Discussion and possible action on the Homeless Youth Policy referral response report.

   Discussion; no action taken. Item will be re-agendized for the 5/8/19 meeting.

9. Continued input to Council on encampments, including vehicle encampments and peer-driven models, and expanded shelter access.

   Action: M/S/C Hill/Kealoha-Blake to form a subcommittee on violations of the Eighth Amendment.

   Vote: *Ayes:* Brennan, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic
   Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent*: Mulligan.

   Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Brennan to rescind the vote on forming a subcommittee on violations of the Eighth Amendment, for the purposes of discussing the name and appointing Commissioners to the Subcommittee.

   Vote: *Ayes:* Brennan, Behm-Steinberg, Hirpara, Marasovic
   Noes: Hill, Kealoha-Blake. *Abstain:* None. *Absent*: Mulligan.

   Action: M/S/C Hill/Brennan to re-establish the Encampment Subcommittee, and appoint Commissioners Hill, Kealoha-Blake, and Behm-Steinberg to this Subcommittee.

   Vote: *Ayes:* Brennan, Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic
   Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent*: Mulligan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 6/12/2019

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