



Berkeley Homeless
Commission

MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2019

1. Roll Call: 7:05 PM

Present: Behm-Steinberg, Hill, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic (absent 7:05-7:32),
Mulligan

Absent: Hirpara (leave of absence)

Staff: Radu

Public: Three

2. Comments from the Public: Two.

3. Approval of Minutes for meeting of May 8, 2019.

Action: M/S/C Kealoha-Blake/Hill to approve the minutes of 5/8/19 as written.

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

Update/Action Items

4. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C Kealoha-Blake/Mulligan to approve the agenda for the meeting of
6/12/19 as written.

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

5. Staff and Chair Updates

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Recommendation for additional meeting to reinstate October Homeless Commission meeting.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Hill to recommend that Council reinstate the October meeting of the Homeless Commission.

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

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Hill that the report requesting an additional October Homeless Commission meeting be submitted to Council as written.

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

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7. Recommendation for health study to be conducted by Division of Public Health to gather data on health conditions, health disparities and mortality rates of the homeless with recommendations on closing the gaps on health disparities.

Action: M/S/C Hill/ Marasovic that the Homeless Commission recommends that Council direct that the City Division of Public Health conduct a study, with parameters as amended in the report, gathering data on health conditions, health disparities and mortality rates of Berkeley's homeless for the last five years.

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

Action: M/S/C Hill/Marasovic to submit the report as amended and to authorize the Chair to present on behalf of the Commission on the report.

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

8. Recommendation on Adeline Corridor Plan to include a committed number of housing units for extremely low-income persons consistent with 1000 person plan.

Discussion; no action taken.

9. Recommendation on 1281 University Avenue to be used as a location for RVs for RV dwellers with established ties to Berkeley.

Action: M/S/C Hill/Marasovic that the Homeless Commission recommends that the currently unused City-owned property at 1281 University Avenue be used to house on an interim basis up to 8-10 RV dwellers, or as many as the property would safely accommodate, selected by the City of Berkeley. The RV dwellers would be selected by the City of Berkeley based on the strength of their ties to the community such as employment in Berkeley, attending school in Berkeley and families with children in Berkeley schools; and to submit the report as amended and authorize the Chair to present on behalf of the Commission on this report.

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

Action: M/S/C Behm-Steinberg/Marasovic to extend the meeting until 9:20.

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

10. Encampment subcommittee report including update on Council referral on sanctioned encampment models

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Discussion; no action taken. Item will be taken up by the Encampment Subcommittee.

11. General discussion around encampments as homesteading.

Discussion; no action taken. Item will be taken up by the Encampment Subcommittee.

12. Creation and adoption of the Homeless Commission's FY2020 Work Plan.

Discussion; no action taken.

13. Employment strategies for the homeless.

Discussion; no action taken.

14. Discussion on transportation accommodation to shelters and resources.

Discussion; no action taken. Item will be held over to the next agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Minutes Approved on: July 10, 2019

Peter Radu, Commission Secretary: Peter T. Radu