



Berkeley Homeless Commission

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2020

1. Roll Call: 7:01 PM

Present: Hill, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic (absent 7:01-7:09), Behm-Steinberg, Mulligan, Andrew.

Absent: Hirpara.

Staff: Carnegie, Vasquez

Public: Four.

2. Public Comment: Two.

3. Approval of minutes from November 13, 2019.

Action: M/S/C Mulligan/ Marasovic to approve the minutes from November 13, 2019 as written.

Vote: Ayes: Mulligan, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Hill, Behm-Steinberg, Andrew.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Hirpara.

Updates/Action Items:

4. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C Behm-Steinberg / Hill to approve the agenda with the following amendments: move agenda item #10, Discussion, and possible action on, incentives for landlords who rent to voucher and subsidy holders before agenda item #6, Letter reaffirming HC commitment to recommend permanent (long-term) housing subsidies as high ranking funding priority.

Vote: Ayes: Mulligan, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Hill, Behm-Steinberg, Andrew.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Hirpara.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/ Hill to accept the supplemental materials packet.

Vote: Ayes: Mulligan, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Hill, Behm-Steinberg, Andrew.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Hirpara.

5. Staff and Chair updates.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Discussion, and possible action on, incentives for landlords who rent to voucher and subsidy holders.

Action: M/S/C Hill/Mulligan to limit debate for 15 minutes.

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

Re-agendize this item for February meeting.

7. Letter reaffirming HC commitment to recommend permanent (long-term) housing subsidies as high ranking funding priority.

Action: M/S/C Hill/Marasovic to approve and send the letter to Council as written.

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

8. A People's First Sanctuary Recommendation.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/ to defer the People's Sanctuary Encampment recommendation for discussion to next month's meeting and direct the encampment chart referral back to the encampment subcommittee to be returned to the full Commission at next month's meeting.

No Vote: motion died for lack of a second.

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

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

Action: M/S/C Hill/ Mulligan to approve the People's First Sanctuary Recommendation with the following amendments to the recommendation section: (i) to include that an oversight agency be named by members of the encampment community, and (ii) refer to the City Manager to fund liability insurance of the agency chosen by the encampment community.

Vote: Ayes: Hill, Kealoha-Blake, Mulligan, Behm-Steinberg
Noes: Andrew. Abstain: Marasovic. Absent: Hirpara.

Marasovic abstention due to i) Council directive to respond to encampment chart referral, ii) believes in the spirit of self-governance, and iii) the recommendation is not a realistic plan.

9. Discussion and possible action on recommendation for supplemental homeless count for both homeless singles and families.

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Action: M/S/C Mulligan/ Marasovic to approve the recommendation as written.

Vote: Ayes: Mulligan, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Behm-Steinberg
Noes: Andrew. *Abstain:* Hill. *Absent:* Hirpara.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Minutes Approved on: 2/10/20

Brittany Carnegie, Commission Secretary: Brittany Carnegie