



**Berkeley Homeless Commission**

**MEETING MINUTES**

July 10, 2019

1. Roll Call: 7:00 PM  
**Present:** Hill, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Mulligan, Hill (7:07PM)  
**Absent:** Behm-Steinberg  
**Staff:** Wong  
**Public:** None

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Approval of minutes from June 12, 2019

**Action:** M/S/C Hirpara/ Kealoha-Blake to approve the minutes of 6/12/19 with edits on item #7. Mulligan was present and voted on the second action of the item, but her name was added as absent.

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

**Updates/Action Items:**

4. Agenda Approval

**Action:** M/S/C Hirpara/ Marasovic to approve the agenda for the meeting of 7/10/19 as written.

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

5. Staff and Chair updates

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Updates from Commission Subcommittees, including possible action by the full Commission

Discussion; no action taken.

7. Adoption of the Homeless Commission's FY2020 Work Plan

**Action:** M/S/C Mulligan/ Hirpara to approve the FY 2020 Homeless Commission Work Plan as written.

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

8. Letter of support to Council for Council's Local Construction Workforce Development Policy and recommendation that persons who are homeless be incorporated into plan

Commissioners reviewed the letter and added "...to support the spirit of the Local Construction...."

**Action:** M/S/C Mulligan/ Kealoha-Blake to submit the letter as amended to the City Council.

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

9. Recommendation for nexus study to be conducted or alternatively, incentives to be implemented for extremely low-income persons to be included in private component of Adeline Corridor plan with set-asides for subsidies

Commissioners reviewed the report and changed a sentence on page one of the report. The sentence was changed to "...Private developers cannot submit alternative housing plans that provide other affordability."

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/ Kealoha-Blake to submit the report as amended to the City Council.

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

10. Recommendation to use substantial portion of cannabis tax to fund subsidies under 1000 Person Plan

**Action:** M/S/C Mulligan/ Hirpara to submit the report as written to the City Council.

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

11. Recommendation to support amnesty program for legalizing unpermitted dwelling units with incentives to be developed to house low-income, very low-income and extremely low-income persons, scaled higher by lowest income category

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/ Kealoha-Blake to submit the letter as written to the City Council.

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

12. Discussion, and steps forward towards, Council Report on Housing for a Diverse, Equitable and Creative Berkeley: Affordable Housing Report

Commissioners discussed the report and wrote a letter at the meeting.

**Action:** M/S/C Kealoha-Blake/Hirpara to authorize the chair to write the letter, the chair to submit the letter, and the chair to speak in front of the City Council according to the language and discussion at the 7/10/19 meeting regarding the affordable housing framework.

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

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

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

13. Discussion on employment strategies for homeless

Discussion; no action taken.

14. Discussion on transportation accommodation to shelters and resources

Discussion; no action taken.

15. Discussion on enforcement of sidewalk ordinance

Discussion; no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM

Minutes Approved on: 9/11/19

Wing Wong, Acting Commission Secretary: Wing Wong