



**CITY OF DAVIS
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, September 15, 2014

7:00 pm

Community Chambers

23 Russell Blvd.

Davis, CA 95616

**Social Services Commission
Members Present:**

Sarah Mungas, Donald Kalman, R. Matthew Wise,
Judy Wolf (Chairperson), Jenna Templeton (Vice Chairperson),
Mindy Romero

Commissioners Absent:

Bernita Toney, Amanda Steidlmayer

Council Liason:

Robb Davis

Staff:

Danielle Foster, Housing and Human Services Superintendent
Adrienne Heinig, Administrative Aide
Katherine Hess, Community Development Administrator

Members of the Public Present:

Christopher Robb; Julie Gallelo, First Five Yolo Representative;
a California Center for Public Health Advocacy Representative;
Gaelyn Walche, Teen Health Awareness Club member.

1. Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Wolf.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Templeton moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kalman.
The motion passed by consensus with no additions.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Templeton moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014, seconded by
Commissioner Kalman. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment:

Christopher Robb spoke to the Commission about his concerns as a resident of Anderson Place Apartments. He believes the management of the complex is biased against low-income residents and does not treat residents with equity.

5. Commissioner and Staff Communications:

Staffmember Foster told the commission that the first public meeting to address the needed changes to the Rainbow City playground (the first of at least three meetings) will be on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Center.

Staffmember Foster also updated the commission on the recent Willowbank Park Affordable Ownership lottery, which was held at the end of August 2014. The first group of people placed in the lottery is currently going through the qualifications process.

Lastly, Staffmember Foster discussed the moving forward of the Non-Event Fundraiser, and the new “How I Can Help” monthly spotlight in the City Newsletter that will provide information on a non-profit organization and their choice of an item or volunteer drive.

Councilmember Davis spoke to the commission on several topics, including:

- Council scheduling of a vote on the new water rates. Councilmember Davis said that should the rates pass, there are concerns about the effect of increasing water rates on renters in the city. He also informed the commission that homeowners can currently apply for the Lifeline low-income rate assistance program, but there is no program like this offered to renters.
- Councilmember Davis also spoke about the non-profit organization Yolo County Resolution Center (YCRC) and their upcoming training in mediation and conflict resolution techniques to be held at a local school for students, staff and community members.
- Lastly, Councilmember Davis spoke about a presentation he attended from an organization called Defy Ventures which offers employment training and services for individuals wanting to start a business after being incarcerated, and concluded with a note regarding the long-term issues with local homelessness that still require City attention.

6. Business Items:

A. Consolidated Action Plan Evaluation Report (CAPER) - Public Hearing.

Staffperson Foster presented the item and gave a summary of the projects completed using CDBG and HOME funding in the 2013-2014 program year. Chairperson Wolf opened and closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Templeton praised the public service organizations receiving CDBG funding and noted that nearly every organization exceeded their projected number of persons served.

The Commission made the following motion:

- Commissioner Templeton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve staff recommendations #1 & #2 for the City Council to hold a public hearing to provide the public with another opportunity to comment on the CAPER, and to submit the CAPER, as attached, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with the inclusion of the comments received during the review period for the report and in the public hearings. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Sugary Beverages Policy.

Staffperson Foster introduced this item and representatives from First 5 Yolo. She provided a brief background on the issue of sugary drinks being the default option for children's meals at restaurants and fast food locations. The city has historically provided healthy options at city-owned locations (vending machines in City Hall, the snack bars at Playfields Park and city pools). A presentation followed from Julie Gallelo, a representative of First 5 Yolo, who spoke on the potential creation of local policies related to sugary beverages. Through this initiative, the default option for drinks that accompany children's meals would be low-fat milk or water; although soda would still be available should the parent wish to have that option.

Discussion of the item included concerns from Commissioner Wolf that public outreach and education be a required part of the process, as health behaviors are difficult to change by legislation alone. Speaking on the topic of education and outreach, Gaelyn Walche of the Teen Health Awareness Club told the commission about educational outreach undertaken by the members of her club to educate children in local elementary schools in healthy food choices. Commissioner Wolf also suggested First Five Yolo work in conjunction with the school district to educate students on healthy food choices.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Wise moved to send a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the proposal, as presented, and to look for opportunities to provide increased health education to the community. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Mungas and passed unanimously. The Commission also requested any draft language of the ordinance return to the Commission for future review and feedback.

C. Nishi Gateway Planning Effort.

Staffperson Hess introduced the informational item on the city's efforts to engage the community in the Nishi Gateway planning efforts. She presented on the basics of the project history, location, use and development potential. She highlighted consistent themes in public comments received on the project (200 comments on the website so far) to date, including concerns about traffic and open space.

D. Social Services Commission Workplan

Staffperson Foster discussed upcoming items in the workplan; including the possibility of new commission members seated by October, upcoming presentations on the Affordable Care Act, the discussion of the CDBG/HOME critical needs list, the upcoming creation of the next 5 year Consolidated Plan, a review of Pacifico, the introduction of the Willow Creek Commons project, and a presentation on elections outreach. There were no changes to the workplan.

7. Adjournment.

Commissioner Romero made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Templeton. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Danielle Foster
Housing and Human Services Superintendent