



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

Monday, October 20, 2014

7:00 pm

Community Chambers

23 Russell Blvd.

Davis, CA 95616

**Social Services Commission
Members Present:**

Donald Kalman, R. Matthew Wise, Mindy Romero
Jenna Templeton (Vice Chairperson),
Bernita Toney

Commissioners Absent:

None.

Council Liason:

Robb Davis

Staff:

Danielle Foster, Housing and Human Services Superintendent
Adrienne Heinig, Administrative Aide

Members of the Public Present:

Claire Goldstene; Nolan Sullivan, ETS Division Manager, Yolo
County Department of Employment and Social Services

1. Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Acting Chair Templeton.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was passed by consensus with no additions.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Wise moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2014, seconded by
Commissioner Kalman. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Toney
abstaining.

4. Public Comment:

None

5. Commissioner and Staff Communications:

Staffmember Foster updated the commission on multiple topics:

- Updating the ongoing commissioner recruitment process, Staffperson Foster told the commission the city has received applications and the council is working through the interview process. Recommendations should be in place by the next commission meeting in November.
- The new City Manager, Dirk Brazil, has been announced and begins work, pending approval and acceptance of his contract, in early November.
- Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the Affordable Housing sites at 2990 5th Street and 4100 Hackberry Place have been released, as per recommendation from the Commission and approval by Council. Meetings were held with the neighbors surrounding both sites, and a special meeting of the Commission will be added on December 3 for the Commission to review submitted proposals.
- The Community Needs Survey, a key component of the preparation of the 2016-2019 Consolidated Plan, has been released and responses are being collected.
- The transfer of ownership of Alhambra Apartments in East Davis (with affordable units), is on the agenda of the Council meeting tomorrow night. Integrity Housing is purchasing the property.
- The 3rd and J Site owned by Solar Community Housing Association is entering into a lease to store materials for Community Harvest of Davis.

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

- A recent visit to a meeting of the Board of Supervisors at Yolo County included a helpful discussion on homelessness across the County. Reiteration of best practices in relation to homelessness incorporated discussions of deficiencies across the board. Each jurisdiction was open about shortcomings in the fight to end homelessness.

The meeting also included discussion of a large encampment (70 or so persons) located along the river in West Sacramento. As the land is being sold and the individuals will need to move, West Sacramento has taken the step of using \$50,000 of General Fund money to pay for each resident (who chooses to) to move temporarily into a local hotel. After that move, since the relocation was through a government action, the individuals and families will be eligible to apply for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

- In conjunction with the Police Department, the School District and the Enterprise held a forum on drug addiction on October 14 for students, parents and the community. Speakers discussed changing nature drug use and the significant issues faced when combating a growing trend. Drug use among teens has changed; once a drug associated with poverty and “lawlessness,” heroin has become an issue with seemingly clean-cut children from affluent backgrounds.

Commissioner Templeton reminded the Commission that tonight is the last day to register to vote to be able to vote in the election on November 4th next month. She also encouraged commission members to pass out the Community Needs Survey to local service organizations and interested people in order to get a large community response for this planning process.

6. Business Items:

A. Affordable Care Act Follow-Up.

In a follow-up from the presentation in Spring, Nolan Sullivan of the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services presented an informational item on the progress of the department with the expansion of health coverage through the Affordable Care Act. Highlights of the presentation included the following data:

- In a normal month, 1,000 applications for enrollment in Medi-Cal are received, some recent months have seen upwards of 2,000 applications.
- Yolo DESS staff work with 40 inmates per week, as they exit the penal system, to enroll in Medi-Cal and CalFresh
- Commissioner Templeton suggested information be posted on the City's website during Open Enrollment to direct people to the available resources for assistance
- Commissioner Kalman asked if the rise in enrollees in Medi-Cal has caused a strain on available providers. Mr. Sullivan answered that the provider network in Davis is strong, and issues are more likely to occur in West Sacramento and Woodland. He added that CommuniCare is growing to meet the increased needs.

B. Discuss Critical Needs for CDBG and HOME Program Year 15-16.

Staffperson Heinig presented the Critical Needs list, as approved for program year 2014-2015 by the City Council, for discussion and comments. She noted a change in this year's list that has already been added by staff, adding further description to the non-public service priorities list on page 4.

The beginning of the discussion on the updates to the Critical Needs List focused on the issues surrounding homelessness. Commissioner Templeton asked about the plausibility of adding language that would encourage developers to consider the "housing first" model when looking to develop affordable housing in Davis. Staffperson Foster provided an overview of the housing first model, its successes and challenges, as well as the critical factor of supportive services.

Councilmember Davis spoke to the issues experienced by homeless individuals during the non-cold weather seasons, when shelter is less available, and to the importance of leveraging relationships with local service providers to increase communication about the needs of the local homeless and at-risk populations.

The Commission also discussed issues related to those who make too much money to qualify for affordable housing, but too little to afford to live in Davis. This need had previously been addressed by the Middle Income Ordinance, since suspended in the economic downturn. The Commission agreed that this need area is not applicable to the

Critical Needs list, but that it might be an area the Commission could look at further in the future.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Templeton moved, and Commissioner Kalman seconded, to keep the added description by staff on page 4 of the Critical Needs document and bring it back to the November meeting for official comment and approval. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Timeline for Updating the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2015-2016 through 2019-2020) for CDBG and HOME Programs (Public Hearing).

Staffperson Foster introduced the first meeting for the 5 Year Consolidated Plan process and explained that the Plan guides annual action plans submitted each year. She reviewed the survey process, and the commission opened and closed a public hearing.

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Wise moved to approve the Consolidated Plan Timeline as presented. Commissioner Toney seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

D. Social Services Commission Workplan

Staffperson Foster discussed upcoming items in the workplan, and added some items; an update on the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness has been included in the November discussion on Critical and Community Needs, a special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 3rd to review the submitted proposals for the city's Affordable Housing Land Dedication sites, and revisions to the Affordable Housing ordinance will also be presented at that special meeting.

Commissioner Templeton suggested that her update on election and presentation on Yolo County Elections outreach, previously scheduled for November, be moved to January.

7. Adjournment.

Commissioner Toney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wise. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:46 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Danielle Foster
Housing and Human Services Superintendent