



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

Monday, April 20, 2015

7:00 pm

Community Chambers

23 Russell Blvd.

Davis, CA 95616

**Social Services
Commission Members
Present:** Claire Goldstene, Donald Kalman, Mindy Romero,
Tracy Tomasky, R. Matthew Wise, Jenna Templeton (Chairperson)

**Commission Members
Absent:** Bernita Toney, Ann Privateer (Alternate)

Council Liason: Robb Davis

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

**Members of the Public
Present:** Doyle Heaton; Julie Gallelo and Jackie Hausman, First 5 Representatives,
Mayor Dan Wolk

1. Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Templeton.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Tomasky moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Commissioner Goldstene, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Goldstene moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2014, with one minor correction, and to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015 as written. This was seconded by Commissioner Templeton. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment:

None.

5. Commissioner and Staff Communications:

Staffperson Foster discussed plans for the Commission to mark the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which takes place on July 26 of this year.

Commissioner Kalman asked if staff could assess how the Council would vote on the Public Services funding section of the CDBG/HOME grant awards. Staffperson Foster stated she did not want to speculate as to the Council's decision, but was interested in the discussions that would result from the process and anticipated some changes in the program moving forward.

Chairperson Templeton announced her intention to resign from the commission, effective after the April meeting. Members of the Commission and staff thanked her for her service and wished her well in future endeavors.

6. Business Items:

A. Villages at Willow Creek

Staffmember Foster gave a brief overview of the affordable housing plan and accessibility features for the Villages at Willowcreek project. Staff is supportive of the current proposal, which includes 4 affordable units and payment of an in-lieu fee. A representative of the project developer, Doyle Heaton, spoke to the Commission on behalf of the project, discussing the development of the plans after feedback from city staff. In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. Heaton stated that the affordable units would be 1172 sq ft in size, 3 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms, would blend in with the surrounding market-rate units and would be aimed at individuals who make low to moderate incomes.

Following discussion, Commissioner Wise made a motion consistent with staff recommendation that the project provide the four on-site affordable units and pay one in-lieu fee, based on the pending updated fee amount. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and passed unanimously.

B. Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2015-2016 through 2019-2020) for CDBG and HOME Programs (Public Hearing Continued).

Staffmember Heinig presented the final draft of the Consolidated Plan to the commission. Receiving no further comments from the public, the hearing opened on March 16, 2015 was closed by Chairperson Templeton. Commissioner Goldstene was concerned about the document's structure, and asked if the rankings of priority items and goals could be amended by the commission at a later date. Staff explained that priorities were not listed in a ranking order; rather they were a list of all potential projects the city could use CDBG funding to undertake over the next five years, a structure which is intended to be broad. Commissioner Tomasky was concerned that the needs survey feedback was limited and came from a small group. Staff responded that the survey was a part of the overall process of determining needs, which included discussions with service providers, public hearings and needs assessment data review.

Commissioner Wise asked about the current status of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness (discussed in the Consolidated Plan and attached to it for submittal). Staffmember Foster stated that the plan was being updated and adapted for the Housing First Model, as changes in homeless issues in Yolo County have led to a re-evaluation of the document. She also discussed the homelessness discussions planned to take place in June of this year. These discussions will look at gaps in local homeless services, and how to coordinate with local service providers, businesses and faith-based groups, as well as the plan for a long-term social services strategy on the Commission workplan for the summer.

Commissioner Romero made a motion to recommend that Council approve submission of the Consolidated Plan to HUD, with the inclusion of the First Year Action Plan. This motion was seconded by Chairperson Templeton and passed unanimously.

D. In-lieu Fee Update (This item was moved ahead of Item C during the meeting)

Staffmember Foster presented an informational item to the commission about the affordable housing in-lieu fee and the process of calculating that fee. Use of the fee has been focused primarily on the downtown area in the past; however, the currently adopted fee does not translate to the larger developments outside of downtown that can also qualify for in-lieu fee payments based on the 2013 ordinance amendments. Updated information in this report included a list of current in-lieu fees, and a calculated average per unit city subsidy.

During discussion, Commissioner Goldstene expressed concern that the application of in-lieu fees would not be determined on a case-by-case basis for each development, underscoring that the benefit to the developer might not reflect a benefit to the city. Instances where developers of downtown projects opted for the creation of affordable units rather than paying of in-lieu fees were also discussed.

Commissioner Romero cautioned that the limited options for building in Davis makes the downtown area and infill projects all the more important to affordable housing, and stated that the in-lieu fee should be higher to ensure units that require city subsidy be competitive for funding.

C. Ordinance Establishing Default Beverages in Children's Meals. (This item was moved to after Item D during the meeting)

Staff person Foster presented the draft ordinance to require the default beverages in children's meals offered at restaurants to be milk or water. The draft is a result of previous actions by the Commission and the Council, following discussions about how this ordinance relates to the issue of childhood obesity and diabetes prevention and the promotion of healthier food choices. Outreach to local food establishments was also completed in preparation of this ordinance. Representatives from First 5 stated that policy work is critical to children's health and should the ordinance pass, Davis would become a national leader in adopting this type of ordinance.

Some clarifications were provided during the discussion, including; only drinks packaged with children's meals would fall under the ordinance, and juice was not included due to typically high sugar levels. In addition, an educational component is already in practice at the Davis site for the Center for Families, as well as access to fresh produce for families who qualify.

Following discussion, Commissioner Tomasky made the motion to approve the staff recommendation of sending the draft ordinance to Council for review and approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Kalman and passed unanimously.

E. Need Area - Yolo County Elections Office Outreach.

Chairperson Templeton presented a brief introduction to the work of the Yolo County Elections Office in regards to outreach, specifically to youth in high school, which is aimed to engage, empower and educate the next generation of voters. She stated that although apathy is an issue to face when trying to encourage voting by young people, a basic misunderstanding of voting rules can be a much larger stumbling block in the process. Yolo County is developing an outreach program called University of Democracy to provide information that is accurate, easy to understand, and easy to find. The program will include a website component.

During the presentation, Commissioner Goldstene asked if Yolo County voting rates among youth were below or above the national average. Commissioner Romero responded that the rate is below the national average, with only 6% of young voters participating in Yolo County's last election, compared to the national average of 8%. Commissioner Kalman asked if the website would include information to simplify propositions during elections. The response was that in the future there could be; however, there is also advocacy at the state level to require propositions to be constructed in a more accessible style.

F. Social Services Commission Workplan

Staffmember Foster discussed upcoming meetings of the Social Services Commission, including a discussion of current research on ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences), Pacifico Housing Cooperative updates, more information on the in-lieu fee calculations, affordable housing ordinance updates, and the social services strategy and strategic plan discussions through the summer. In the fall, the annual review of the CAPER and updating of the Critical Needs List will begin the next year of CDBG and HOME grant administration.

Commissioner Tomasky asked for a discussion of adding an emphasis on providing quality child care as a focus of the commission when reviewing critical needs and need areas. Staff agreed to add this discussion to a future meeting.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Templeton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Romero. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:09 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Danielle Foster
Housing and Human Services Superintendent