



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

**Monday, May 18, 2015**

**7:00 pm**

**Community Chambers**

**23 Russell Blvd.**

**Davis, CA 95616**

**Social Services  
Commission Members  
Present:** Claire Goldstene, Donald Kalman, Mindy Romero, Bernita Toney,  
Tracy Tomasky, R. Matthew Wise (Vice Chairperson, Acting Chair)  
Ann Privateer

**Commission Members  
Absent:** None

**Council Liason:** Robb Davis

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

**Members of the Public  
Present:** Tracy Fauver, Gail Kennedy, Darryl Rutherford

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**1. Called to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Acting-Chairperson Wise.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**3. Appointment of Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

Commissioner Kalman moved to appoint Matthew Wise to Chairperson. This was seconded by Commissioner Romero, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Tomasky moved to appoint Mindy Romero to Vice Chairperson, and this was seconded by Commissioner Kalman. This motion also passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of the Minutes:**

Commissioner Kalman moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015 as written. This was seconded by Commissioner Tomasky. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Public Comment:**

None.

**6. Commissioner and Staff Communications:**

Staffperson Foster told the commission that all of the Willowbank Park affordable ownership units are currently in escrow and that two of the units had closed escrow. She also reminded them that staff are still taking information for the Berry Bridge affordable ownership development interest list, and preparing for the development of the Grande school district site, which will have low and moderate affordable housing units, as well as middle income units.

Staffperson Foster also discussed a recent meeting with the school district on the Free Summer Lunch Program, offered again this year by the school district at the high school for children enrolled in summer school, and Montgomery Elementary and Windmere II Apartments for all children in the community. She stated that flyers and information will be distributed in the community.

Lastly, Staffperson Foster mentioned the new ordinance limiting the default choice of beverage for children's meals will be going before the Council on May 26, and if adopted, would go into effect in September.

Councilmember Davis told the commission that the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Development Subcommittee will be presenting a report to the Council on May 26. In response to commissioner inquiry, Councilmember Davis stated that no decisions would be made at the meeting; instead it would be the first step to discuss a process to narrow down the applicants for selection.

Preparations for the Homelessness Summit meeting in mid-June were also discussed, with Councilmember Davis outlining the preparation work done by the Yolo Conflict Resolution Center to gather input from interested groups, including businesses, service providers, individuals who have been homeless or are experiencing homelessness, and faith-based organizations.

Commissioner Toney asked for an update on the West Sacramento Bridge to Housing project, which will be distributed to the commission.

**7. Business Items:**

**A. Need Area - ACEs Research Presentation.**

Tracy Fauver, the Executive Director of Yolo County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), gave a summary of the research on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the measurable effect of these experiences on physical and mental health outcomes of adults. She also discussed the Yolo County ACEs Connection Group, an organization working to integrate trauma-informed and resilience-building practices into all facets of society.

Commissioner Goldstene asked what aspects of the commission's work could benefit from ACEs research, and Ms. Fauver replied that work with individuals who are homeless, and individuals being treated for substance abuse can benefit from the findings in ACEs research.

**B. In-lieu Fee Update.**

Staffmember Foster presented the staff recommendation for the in-lieu fee and calculations as expanded by the changes Affordable Housing Ordinance as adopted in 2013. Discussed were the basis of the fee - linking it back to the average amount of city subsidy required for affordable units on land dedication sites, and the amount of \$75,000.

During discussion on this item, Commissioner Goldstene asked if the amount was high enough, and the calculation method was discussed in greater detail. She also asked whether the exemption currently offered to downtown, mixed use and condominium developments would be reevaluated, specifically by the Commission. Staffperson Foster explained that the current updates were the beginning of an overall review of the adopted 2013 changes, as instructed by the City Council. There will be continuing review of the exempt projects in the coming months.

Commissioner Kalman asked if it would behoove the city to remove the in-lieu fee altogether, and require all developments regardless of size to build affordable units. There was discussion of the benefits of siting more affordable housing units together to create efficiencies and supportive services and that it is beneficial to consider each project on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Romero asked that the recommendations sent to Council be amended to include language that the fee and the calculation be revisited at regular intervals to ensure the amount is still adequate for the needs of the city and the affordable housing program.

The Commission opened this item for public comment and Darryl Rutherford spoke. He expressed his opinion that the amount of the in-lieu fee is acceptable as a minimum amount for the program, and cautioned against using the funds for too many rehabilitation projects, as they can often be more expensive than new construction. He encouraged Commissioners to think of more tools to further the development of affordable housing in Davis, and asked if it might be appropriate in times of better budgets and more positive financial outlook to look at using more city funds towards affordable housing development.

Commissioner Romero asked if there was a range that could be established for the fee, and there was further discussion on the methodology for calculating the fee.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Tomasky moved to approve staff recommendations, with the added language that the in-lieu fee would be reviewed in two years, and this was seconded by Commissioner Toney. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Subcommittee for ADA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.**

Staff person Foster asked the Commission for volunteers for a subcommittee to prepare public outreach and engagement in recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. With representatives from other commissions and committees, the subcommittee will prepare information for a public event and celebration, likely at an upcoming Farmer's Market. Subcommittee members may also participate during the proclamation marking the occasion at a City Council meeting. Following discussion, Commissioners Tomasky and Toney volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Commissioner Romero asked that the outreach to the public include information on accessibility in voting, as it is an issue often overlooked in these discussions.

**D. Social Services Commission Workplan**

Staffmember Foster discussed upcoming meetings of the Social Services Commission, including the presentation of the (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2014 of CDBG and HOME in September. After Commission discussion on the topic, it was suggested by Commissioner Goldstene that an item be added to July or September's agenda to discuss changes and updates to the CDBG/HOME grant application process, before the 16/17 program year begins with the Critical Needs update in October. Commissioner Kalman also suggested a need area be added to look the stress impacting the lives of teens today, specifically teens attending school in Davis. Following discussion, it was suggested that the Commission invite representatives from various organizations working with teenagers in Davis to assess the current needs and support services.

**8. Adjournment**

Commissioner Romero made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Privateer. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:26 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Danielle Foster  
Housing and Human Services Superintendent