



City of Davis

Social Services Commission Meeting Minutes

Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616

Monday, April 18, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Claire Goldstene, Donald Kalman, Ann Privateer, Mindy Romero (Vice-Chair), Tracy Tomasky, Bernita Toney, Georgina Valencia (Alternate), R. Matthew Wise (Chair)

Absent: None.

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

Public Present: Kim Coontz, Luke Watkins

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Wise.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Romero moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Privateer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Swearing in of New Commissioner

Staff administered the oath of office to new Commissioner G. Valencia.

4. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Staffperson Foster provided updates on the following topics:

1. The Council Chambers audio system has been upgraded, and the microphones have been replaced.
2. The CDBG and HOME funding recommendations will be brought to the Council at the meeting tomorrow night.
3. Yolo Conflict Resolution Center (YCRC) held a workshop on conflict and relationships, exploring the positive uses of conflict. On May 15, 2016 at the Davis Senior Center, co-hosted by the Social Justice Coalition, YCRC will hold an art show to showcase art by high school students inspired by peace, and community.
4. The Yolo County Library will be starting a rotating art project called "I See You," focused on individuals who are homeless and at risk of homelessness.

Mayor Protempore Davis spoke to the commission on two items:

1. The Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter (IRWS) held an end-of-year picnic for guests, interns and board members. The event included a memorial service for individuals who had passed away.

2. On May 5th, representatives of the City of Reedley met with Police, Protempore Davis, YCRC representatives, and school district staff to discuss restorative justice programs, specifically to be used in a Davis juvenile justice program.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2016.

Commissioner Romero moved, seconded by Commissioner Toney, to approve the minutes for January 25, 2016. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Goldstene, Kalman, Privateer, Romero, Toney, Wise

Noes: None

Abstention: Tomasky, Valencia

Absent: None

B. Ratification of the Commission Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Funding Recommendation to Council

Commissioner Kalman moved, seconded by Commissioner Goldstene, to ratify the recommendation regarding CDBG Public Facilities funding for the City Council. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Goldstene, Kalman, Privateer, Tomasky, Toney, Valencia, Wise

Noes: None

Abstention: Romero

Absent: None

7. Regular Items

A. Need Area - California Center for Cooperative Development (CCCD).

Staffperson Foster introduced Kim Coontz, Director of CCCD, who presented an informational item on a job creation program for low-income and underserved populations. The program, modeled on co-op organizational development, empowers workers as decision makers, in charge of their own companies. Ms. Coontz described the requirements of the program set up, and when asked by the Commission how the community can help, asked for interested community members to look into being board members for the project and members of the steering committee as the project is set up.

B. D Street Gardens (717 D & 426 8th Street) Affordable Housing Plan.

Staffperson Foster provided an overview of the proposed Affordable Housing Plan for 717 D Street/426 8th Street. The recommendation includes the provision of one on-site very-low income affordable unit. The discussion included whether or not existing tenants of the development site would be impacted, what tenant qualification requirements would be, and whether or not the project fit into the existing neighborhood. Following this discussion, Commissioner Kalman moved, seconded by Commissioner Tomasky, to accept the staff recommendation as presented in the staff report. This motion passed unanimously.

C. Creekside Affordable Housing Project (2990 Fifth Street).

Staffperson Foster presented the current project plans for 2990 Fifth Street, asking for the Commission to provide input to the City Council. The current plan includes 90 units, 89 one-bedroom units and one two-bedroom manager unit. The project introduction also included discussion of pedestrian and transportation improvements to the area. Commission discussion of the project included questions relating to the increase in density in the current plan. The original application included fewer units and more open space, and Commissioners voiced concerns over the change, encouraging staff to consider quality of life issues related to this change. Staff explained that a driveway had been removed and that balconies had been added in efforts to increase resident open space in the project, but agreed to continue considering this concern as design of the project proceeds.

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Social Services Commission Workplan

Staffperson Foster listed the items coming up in future meetings, including Commissioner Romero's presentation, the feedback on the CDBG and HOME application process changes, further discussion of the Social Services Strategy, and an update of the workplan in conjunction with the update for the Council goals happening later in the year.

9. Adjourn

Commissioner Goldstene made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Romero. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:48 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Danielle Foster
Housing and Human Services Superintendent