



City of Davis

Social Services Commission Meeting Minutes

Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616

Monday, July 18, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Claire Goldstene, Ann Privateer, Tracy Tomasky, Bernita Toney, Georgina Valencia (Alternate), R. Matthew Wise (Chair)

Absent: Donald Kalman, Mindy Romero

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

Council Liaison Present: Mayor Robb Davis

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairperson Wise.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Tomasky moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Valencia seconded, and the motion passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Kalman, Romero

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

D Foster provided updates on the following topics:

1. New Pathways.
2. Pack the Patrol Car.
3. The Lunch and Learn program in partnership with the Davis Chamber of Commerce.
4. The extension of commissioner terms from ending in September 2016 to June 2017.

Mayor Davis spoke to the commission on the following item:

1. The Council's liaison appointments have been decided for the new term, and the Social Services Commission liaisons remain the same.

Commissioner Tomasky discussed an upcoming meeting of the Davis Social Justice Coalition to develop a summit, aimed at developing goals and a vision for the organization. The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 19 at 6:00pm. Also planned is a tribute at E Street Plaza for the victims of violent crimes, to allow the community to express thoughts and feelings surrounding violent crimes and recent national events.

Commissioner Goldstene asked information on Governor Brown's "Housing by Right" proposal. D Foster addressed the item.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2016.

Commissioner Valencia moved, seconded by Commissioner Goldstene, to approve the minutes for May 16, 2016. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Goldstene, Privateer, Toney, Valencia, Wise

Noes: None

Absent: Kalman, Romero

6. Regular Items

A. Need Area – Human Right to Water.

David Sandino, a lawyer at the Department of Water Resources and professor, gave an informational presentation on the recently enacted State law, Human Right to Water, declaring access to quality water a fundamental human right in California.

During discussion on the item, the Commissioners asked questions about City of Davis water policies, and subsidy programs offered to low-income households in Davis. Mayor Davis discussed issues surrounding water access such as groundwater management, and the availability of restrooms in the downtown core area.

B. Buyer Selection: Affordable Ownership Buyer Selection Pilot Project and Right of First Refusal Contract Renewal.

D Foster presented the item in follow-up to previous discussions on the buyer/tenant selection process held in December of last year. The current report discusses working with Yolo County Housing (YCH) to manage the lottery process for new ownership and rental housing projects moving forward, with an initial pilot project at a development with a small number of affordable ownership units for sale.

During the item, the Commissioners asked for clarification on the existing waitlist and lottery process, and expressed consensus to moving to an alternative format. Commissioner Valencia cautioned that changing the lottery process for projects with current expectations of a lottery could upset those households. Commissioner Goldstene asked about incentives, and clarified with staff that the City would still determine incentives, they would not be determined by YCH.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Social Services Commission Workplan

D Foster discussed the upcoming meeting dates, reminding the Commission that no meeting is held in August. She reminded the Commission of the annual CAPER discussion to be held in September.

B. Social Services Commission Formal Workplan, Demonstrating Alignment with City Council Goals. The Commission reviewed the formal workplan and added language to ensure consistent education, context and background for the Commissioners to be provided on the Affordable Housing program. The plan was recommended for submittal to the City Council by consensus of the commissioners present.

During the discussion on the formal Commission goals, a number of Commissioners expressed support for the development of a strategic plan for housing goals, based on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation, to aid the Commission in determining the best recommendations for each housing project. Also discussed was the development of a yearly Affordable Housing workshop for the Commission.

8. Adjourn

Commissioner Goldstene made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Privateer. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Goldstene, Privateer, Toney, Valencia, Wise

Noes: None

Absent: Kalman, Romero

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Adrienne Heinig
Administrative Aide