



**Social Services Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616**  
**Monday, December 19, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Mindy Romero

Staff and Consultants Present: Kelly Stachowicz  
Joan Planell, Social Services Consultant

Council Liaison Present: Robb Davis

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Romero

**3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons**

K Stachowicz reported out on the following:

- The Council approved contracting certain affordable housing tasks to Yolo County Housing. The City received a grant from the Sutter Foundation to address homelessness.
- Applications for the affordable (low/moderate and middle income) units at Grande Village will soon be available.

R Davis reported out on a restorative justice meeting held on campus with Education and Law schools' faculty and community partners, including DJUSD, City, County, and providers. This group will have community meetings quarterly.

Commissioner Goldstene – Council will have Public Hearing on CDBG preferences.

**4. Public Comment**

None.

## **5. Consent Calendar**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and non-controversial, require no discussion, as items are expected to have unanimous support, and may be enacted by one motion.

### **A. Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2016**

Commissioner Kalman moved, seconded by Commissioner Toney, to approve the minutes for November 21, 2016. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Goldstene, Kalman, Valencia, Wise

Noes: None

Abstain: Tomasky, Toney

Absent: Romero

## **6. Regular Items**

### **A. Social Services Strategic Planning.**

*Survey:* Joan Planell explained proposed process for developing social services strategic plan, and the Commission discussed the process for the plan. Discussion included the following areas:

- Number of topics/focus areas and the appropriate balance between focus and flexibility. Proposal is to identify 3-5 primary areas.
- The City's role and priorities in social services and the general purpose of the strategic plan, since the City is not a direct service provider. If the City sets priorities, then City can advocate with County and other providers to provide services, get grants, etc.
- Mechanisms the City can employ to secure funding. Can the City consider fees from new or improved properties that would help to fund social service programs?
- Whether affordable housing should be considered in the strategic plan and how Davis really plans to address affordable housing in a post-redevelopment world without land dedication sites. The strategic plan is more focused on social services programming than it is on affordable housing.
- Discussion of best ways to reach the beneficiaries of the programs. That insight is helpful, although it can be harder to reach these individuals.
- Suggestion to add qualitative questions for survey respondents and to include all local faith organizations in survey.

*Letter:* Planell explained draft letter, which is an invitation to community forum and explained she would like to reach out to the Senior Commission and the Human Relations Commission. Commission suggested explaining would happen with participant comments.

Public Comment: Margot Loschke – Next Senior Citizens Commission is January 13. Surveys are due Jan 12. Will commissioners respond individually or as a group?

Commission suggested putting survey on Senior Commission agenda to let them know process is going on and also to send surveys out to individual commissioners for response (Seniors, Social Services, Human Relations, Planning)

Through discussion, Commission suggested the following:

- extend deadline for survey responses
- rephrase letter to explain process
- include dates for actual forum (i.e. add more details into letter)
- Include language to spell out goal of determining synergies and gaps in service provision.

Other comments included:

- How many surveys do we expect to get back and have to manually enter?
- How reach non-English speaking participants?
- Include “social services” not just “services”.
- Consider small incentive for those who complete survey.
- Include request for providers to include specific information on survey (but not participants)
- Concern that “data” might be difficult word in survey.
- Include option to include name or organization on survey.
- Remove background info and just make survey simple and short. Just include bolded questions. Include section for “other comments related to social services”

Commission requested that City invite Yolo County Housing to a future meeting (possibly next agenda) to explain affordable housing and their role in it. Include reinvesting in existing properties v. new properties.

## **7. Commission and Staff Communications**

### **A. Social Services Commission Workplan.**

Stachowicz: West Davis Active Adult Community proposal will come to commission at a future meeting.

Tomasky: December 4 community gathering to discuss those threatened by new administration. Next meeting January 8 at Davis Community Church focusing on environmental justice. About 100 people attended Sanctuary City presentation on Blanchard Room to get out accurate information.

## **8. Adjourn**

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Romero

The meeting ended at 8:42 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by,

Kelly Stachowicz  
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