



**City of Davis
Social Services Commission Minutes**

Monday, May 22, 2017

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

Council Liaison: Robb Davis, Lucas Frerichs (Alternate)

Staff: Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager
Joan Planell, Social Services Consultant

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Members Present: Kalman, Toney, Goldstene, Wise, Tomasky, Privateer

Members Absent: Romero, Valencia

Also Present: Robb Davis, Mayor; Joan Planell, Consultant; Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager

Wise called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Goldstene moved, with second by Tomasky, approval of the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Goldstene, Kalman, Privateer, Tomasky, Toney, Wise

NOES: None

ABSENT: Romero

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Planell updated commission on the homeless count, noting that numbers were down slightly in Davis, although count must be by HUD standards.

R. Davis: Woodland homeless numbers went down substantially. One shelter is no longer included in the count. Yolo Conflict Resolution Center hosted a good community meeting on restorative justice with a panel. Encouraging to see representatives from other communities attending.

Goldstene: Saturday June 3, 6:30pm: FARM Davis fundraiser at Watermelon Music

Tomasky: Sunday, June 11: Gatherings Initiative event at Senior Center 2:30 – 5:00pm

Toney: June 4: Juneteenth at VMC

Toney: June 9: Davis Senior High School Graduation

4. Public Comment

No public comment

5. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2017

Goldstene moved, with second by Toney, approval of minutes by the following vote:

AYES: Goldstene, Kalman, Privateer, Tomasky, Toney, Wise

NOES: None

ABSENT: Romero

6. Regular Items

A. Chiles Ranch Affordable Housing Revised Proposal –

Stachowicz provided background on the proposed changes to the affordable housing component of the Chiles Ranch project and asked the Commission for feedback on in lieu fees versus on-site units. The Developer is planning on a smaller project and requesting changes to the Development Agreement to build 6 on-site units and provide 12 in-lieu fees. Original project required 22 on-site ownership units.

Commission proceeded to ask several questions and engage in discussion about why the proposed changes were necessary, whether the affordable housing units should be built on site, and how staff arrived at its recommendation of 6 on-site units and 12 in-lieu fees.

Tomasky moved with a second by Goldstene to reject the developer's proposal to provide 3 duets (6 units) of affordable housing and provide in-lieu fees for 8 units and instead support any of a variety of options that the developer may propose as long as a total of 22 affordable units are obtained

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Goldstene, Kalman, Privateer, Tomasky, Toney, Wise

NOES: None

ABSENT: Romero

B. Draft Social Services Strategy Report (Joan Planell) –

Joan Planell gave presentation on results of her outreach. She distributed survey, held two community meetings with total of 33 people in attendance, and attended Senior Citizens Commission. Largest concern was for housing and homeless services, including support services for individuals. Other interests included taking a long look at housing policies overall and looking at prevention for homelessness. Take advantage of civic minded community. Senior Commission wants adult day care as a priority. There is one center in the county, and there is a waiting list. Davis, however, is interested in social model, not a medical model, so funding would need to be identified. Plan will be shared with the City Council later in the summer.

Public Comment:

Margot Loschke: Dementia is burden on caregivers. UC Davis just received \$5M grant to launch caregiving program; it is a huge problem. Wants to identify it as an important issue so potential providers might come forward.

Commissioner Discussion:

Kalman: Is housing and homelessness meant for everyone or just homeless? (Basic need for housing to prevent homelessness and recognition that mental health and substance abuse prevention an important component of this.) Social Services strategy should cover broad spectrum of issues and not just focus on homelessness.

Planell: Priority for homelessness, a priority for aging, with prevention as a strategy. Not surprised that homelessness is top priority. Collaboration with County is new and key to efforts

R. Davis: City has never had focused strategy (other than CDBG/HOME Critical Needs List), so idea here was to prioritize a limited number of issues and explore how we might fund and address the issue(s). Need to focus attention and energy on priorities. Historically, the County has provided social services, but it can't provide all the services we need, so this exercise is to help guide our future focus.

Goldstene: Social Services issues intersect. Hunger/lack of food did not make the list.

Tomasky: Focus on creative solutions. How can we get community to address our own problems so we can control our own destiny?

R. Davis: Adding social worker position in Police Department to deal with homelessness.

Goldstene: If this is already decided and happening, then as a Commission, what are opportunities to support what is already happening?

Tomasky: Create interdependent, comprehensive plan to make sure strong foundation in place.

Planell's thought on strategy was to have City focus on 1-3 things related to social services, so efforts are most effective.

Wise: Homelessness (also looking at mental health and substance abuse) is important, but affordable housing is important too. Prevention and intervention. Leveraging strengths of different organizations. Taking innovative approach.

Goldstene agreed that adding affordable housing important.

C. Villages at Willowcreek Buyer Selection Pilot Program –

Stachowicz explained that Villages at Willowcreek had closed only one unit but that so far, the pilot program to select tenants seemed to be working. The pilot program used a ranked choice list rather than a random lottery to choose potential buyers. Staff requested that the same process be used for tenant selection in The Cannery.

Goldstene moved with a second from Tomasky to support a pilot selection project for the affordable rental units at the Cannery that uses the Yolo County Housing priority point system

AYES: Goldstene, Kalman, Privateer, Tomasky, Tomey, Wise

NOES: None

ABSENT: Romero

7. Commission and Staff Communications
A. Social Services Commission Workplan.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.
