



City of Davis
Social Services Commission Minutes
Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members: Anna Ioakimedes; Donald Kalman; Susan Perez; Kurt Snipes; Bapu Vaitla, Vice Chair; Georgina Valencia, Chair; Matthew Wise; and Judith Ennis, Alternate

Council Liaison: Brett Lee, Regular; Dan Carson, Alternate

Staff: Ginger Hashimoto, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Judy Ennis, Alternate; Anna Ioakimedes; Donald Kalman; Kurt Snipes; Bapu Vaitla, Vice Chair; Georgina Valencia, Chair; and Matthew Wise

Members Absent: Susan Perez

Also Present: Lisa Baker, Chief Executive Officer, Yolo County Housing; Ginger Hashimoto, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office, City of Davis; Brett Lee, Mayor and Council Liaison, City of Davis; and Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager, City of Davis

Valencia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Wise moved to approve the agenda with a second by Snipes.

The motion passed by the following 7-0-0 vote:

AYES: Ennis, Ioakimedes, Kalman, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, and Wise

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Valencia thanked the City for partnering with the League of Women Voters to host an educational forum on General Plans.

Mayor Lee thanked the Commissioners for their service.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Regular Items

A. Critical Needs List Preliminary Review

Staff Presentation:

Baker explained the City is currently in the last year of its approved five-year Consolidated Plan, a plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to receive certain grants including the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Grant. Baker elaborated the process of updating the Plan includes a Citizen Participation Plan, which will govern engagement, an Analysis of Impediments, which will govern barriers to housing. She further described how every year the City must also define priorities for end users by approving a Critical Needs List. Baker concluded by asking for the Commission's feedback on the best approaches to updating both the Critical Needs List as well as the Consolidated Plan.

Public Comment:

None

Commission Discussion:

The Commission asked several clarifying questions and raised the following issues/concerns/feedback:

- *How can the City make the greatest impact, particularly with its public service dollars because historically the City awarded small amounts of money to many organizations?*
- *Should the City focus on one category to increase impact?*
- *Is there an advantage to being intentionally broad to not leave any entity or cause behind?*
- *How have other jurisdictions used public health metrics and other data to inform their decision-making?*
- *Want to see broader and more meaningful community engagement*

B. City Council Joint Discussion Preparation

Staff Presentation:

Hashimoto invited to City Council Joint Discussion Subcommittee to walk fellow Commissioners through their proposed format and draft slide deck.

Public Comment:

None

Commission Discussion:

The Commission finalized the format and asked staff to prepare talking points to accompany the slide deck.

C. 2020 Work Plan Discussion

Staff Presentation:

Hashimoto explained the Commission needs to agree on goals and priorities to focus on during 2020.

Public Comment:

None

Commission Discussion:

Each Commissioner shared their individual social service priorities. The Commission reached consensus on the following focus areas:

- *Homelessness should remain a top focus area*
- *Encouraging the production and preservation of affordable housing should remain a top focus area—which includes completing the affordable ownership recommendations and establishing better priorities for the Housing Trust Fund*
- *Need to develop metrics and better incorporate the use of data into social service decision-making*
- *Expand focus to include the well-being of other vulnerable populations including children and families*
- *Educate fellow citizens and pursue better stakeholder engagement*

D. Downtown Plan Review and Comments

Staff Presentation:

Hashimoto explained that the City released a draft of the Downtown Davis Specific Plan, marking the start of a 90-day review period. Staff asked the Commission to consider whether they would like to issue feedback.

Public Comment:

None

Commission Discussion:

The Commission directed staff to review the draft Downtown Davis Specific Plan and return to the Commission with a summary of parts relevant to the Commission's purview.

6. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Development Project Update.

None.

B. Social Services Commission Long Range Calendar

Hashimoto previewed items on the Commission's long range calendar.

7. Adjourn

Valencia adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.
