



Social Services Commission Minutes
Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members: Anna Ioakimedes; Donald Kalman; Susan Perez; Kurt Snipes; Babu 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: Anna Ioakimedes; Donald Kalman; Susan Perez; Kurt Snipes; Babu Vaitla, Vice Chair; and Matthew Wise

Members Absent: Georgina Valencia, Chair and Judy Ennis, Alternate

Also Present: Ginger Hashimoto, Management Analyst, City Manager's Office

Vaitla 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 6-0-0 vote:

AYES: Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, and Wise

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Hashimoto shared staff received Council direction on November 5 to site a pilot daytime respite center for unhoused persons at 1717 Fifth Street. The Commission reiterated that any staff report seeking Commission feedback should clearly outline what input is desired and the expectation of the Commission.

Wise shared that, as a member of the Davis Homelessness Alliance's Media Subcommittee, he is actively working to generate positive messages about homelessness in Davis.

Vaitla confirmed that the Commission will be hosting a lecture on December 16, immediately prior to the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting. He explained the lecture will feature Senior Research and Policy Manager for J-PAL North America, Rohit Nainpally, who will

provide an overview of J-PAL's recent evidence review of effective strategies to reduce and prevent homelessness.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Regular Items

A. Public Hearing: Approval of Critical Needs List for 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Programs

Staff Presentation:

Hashimoto provided a brief overview reiterating the Commission's helpful input from October, which staff is taking under advisement for the consolidated plan update. Hashimoto explained, however, that the City must comply with the federal government's timeline and therefore the Commission needs to approve a critical needs list for the upcoming program year.

Vaitla opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

Vaitla closed the public hearing.

Commission Discussion:

Snipes moved to make the following changes to the Public Service Funds section of the Critical Needs List, with a second by Ioakimedes:

- *Amend the last bullet under the Prevention and Early Intervention, Mental Health Services category to read as follows:
 - *Outreach programs to raise awareness of mental health concerns and needs as well as empower individuals to respond effectively to mental health crises**
- *Add the following bullet under the Treatment and Support Services, Child and Youth Services category:
 - *Transportation to improve access to care**
- *Add the following bullet under the Treatment and Support Services, Homeless Services category to read as follows:
 - *Housing counseling**

The motion passed by the following 5-0-1 vote:

AYES: Ioakimedes, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, and Wise

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Kalman

Ioakimedes moved to make the following changes to the Public Service Funds section of the Critical Needs List, with a second by Perez:

- *Amend the first bullet under the Prevention and Early Intervention, Child Youth Services category to read as follows:*
 - *Care for children ages 0 to 5*
- *Move the first bullet from the Treatment and Support Services, Child and Youth Services category to the Prevention and Early Intervention, Child and Youth Services category*

The motion passed by the following 6-0-0 vote:

AYES: Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, and Wise

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Perez moved to add a third category for Service Linkage, but defer to staff for appropriate verbiage, with a second by Snipes.

The motion passed by the following 6-0-0 vote:

AYES: Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, and Wise

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Vaitla moved to approve the amended 2020-21 Critical Needs List, with a second by Perez.

The motion passed by the following 6-0-0 vote:

AYES: Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, and Wise

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Wise moved to approve the proposed 2020-21 request for proposal and award schedule with a second by Snipes.

The motion passed by the following 6-0-0 vote:

AYES: Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, and Wise

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

**B. City Council Joint Discussion Preparation
Staff Presentation:**

Hashimoto reviewed the draft talking points and asked the Commission for feedback.

Public Comment:

None

Commission Discussion:

The Commission finalized its plan and talking points for the November 19 joint discussion with the City Council.

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

Vaitla adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.
