# City of Davis Social Services Commission Minutes January 27, 2020

**Commission Members Present:** 

Judy Ennis, Anna Ioakimedes, Donald Kalman, Susan Perez, Georgina Valencia, Matthew Wise

**Commission Members Absent:** 

Kurt Snipes, Bapu Vaitla

Staff/Council Liaison Present:

Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Valencia called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Wise moved, with a second by Ioakimedes, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote.

AYES: Ennis, Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Valencia, Wise

NOES: None

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

Stachowicz: Ginger Hashimoto's last day with the City was January 24. City working with CommuniCare on the daytime respite center for unhoused individuals, and the physical site is progressing. No date has been set yet for the opening.

Wise: Is a member of the Davis Homeless Alliance subcommittee on marketing and outreach. If Commissioners have ideas or are interested in participating, let Wise know.

### 4. Public Comment

None

### 5. Consent Items

- **A.** Approval of Minutes—September 16, 2019
- **B.** Approval of Minutes—October 21, 2019
- C. Approval of Minutes—November 18, 2019
- **D.** Approval of Minutes—December 16, 2019

Perez moved, with a second by Ennis, to approve all four sets of minutes. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Ennis, Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Valencia, Wise

NOES: None

#### A. Finalize 2020 Work Plan

Commission discussed the draft 2020 workplan, with consensus on the following comments:

- *Include something specific for Housing Trust Fund, including SB2.*
- What role does the Social Services Commission have in developing a plan for the overnight shelter and what should the interface with Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter be?
- Commission should look at data to make recommendations about what social services needs are for Davis.
- Add outreach bullet in #4 (Promote Awareness and Dialogue) to include liaison between community groups, coordination of volunteer efforts, and updating of web pages (related to commission)

The Commission discussed the creation of subcommittees.

Perez moved, with a second by Wise

, to create a subcommittee for #3 to explore data resources and data needs.

Perez will be on the subcommittee. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ennis, Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Valencia, Wise

NOES: None

The Commission discussed creating an Awareness/Outreach subcommittee. Ioakimedes and Ennis volunteered to work on this subcommittee. Subcommittee will contact local providers, let them know about Commission and ask if organizations can present successes to Commission. The work of volunteers can and should be celebrated.

Perez moved, with a second by Ioakimedes, to form a subcommittee to recognizes, acknowledges and elevates local social service providers in Davis. Includes outreach, collection of information and celebration of work of providers.

*The motion passed by the following vote:* 

AYES: Ennis, Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Valencia, Wise

NOES: None

Perez moved, with a second by Valencia, to create a subcommittee to formulate ideas around the Housing Trust Fund. Valencia and Kalman will be on the subcommittee (Kalman if the scope includes the provision of housing) The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ennis, Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Valencia, Wise

NOES: None

### **B. J-PAL Housing Stability Evaluation Incubator**

Stachowicz provided an overview of the grant opportunity and the discussions that have taken place to date. One concern is that J-PAL is looking for a large amount of data to base their study. Davis' smaller size may make it

difficult to find a project that provides this data. However, smaller communities need to have solutions, too.

The Commission discussed a variety of ideas, focusing on the Daytime Respite Center for Unhoused Individuals, including:

- Does it improve the health status of clients and/or reduce contact with the criminal justice system?
- Who is served? What percentage of those in need are served, and if it's low, how could the percentage be increased?
- Does the Center increase crime or decrease housing values?
- Is there a way to look at shifts in public thought?
- Should police calls for service be measured?

The Commission created a subcommittee of Wise and Ioakimedes to follow up on the idea.

#### 7. Commission and Staff Communications

# A. Development Project Update

Stachowicz noted that the affordable housing component of the proposed Plaza 2555 project is tentatively slated to come to the Commission in March.

# **B. Social Services Commission Long Range Calendar**

See workplan discussion

## C. Brief Review of the Brown Act

Stachowicz provided a brief overview of the Brown Act for commissioners, in case there were any questions or concerns.

## 8. Adjourn

Perez moved, with a second by Valencia, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ennis, Ioakimedes, Kalman, Perez, Valencia, Wise

NOES: None

*The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.*