



**City of Davis**  
**Social Services Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, October 19, 2020**

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*Members Present: Judith Ennis; Donald Kalman; Susan Perez; Kurt Snipes; Bapu Vaitla, Acting Chair; Georgina Valencia; Matthew Wise; Vacant (Alternate)*

*Members Absent: None.*

*Also Present: Brett Lee, Council Liaison; Kelly Stachowicz, Staff Liaison; Dagoberto Fierros, Staff Liaison*

**1. Call to Order**

*Vaitla called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Wise move to approve agenda, with a second by Snipes. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

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

*Vaitla thanked staff for deploying HOME funds for use in the tenant based rental assistance program.*

*Valencia let the commission know that the Housing Element meeting was rescheduled to November 5, 2020.*

**4. Public Comment**

*None*

**5. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2020**

*Vaitla requested a correction to the double vote on Item 6. Vaitla's vote should only be listed in the NOES.*

*Valencia moved with corrections, with a second by Ennis, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

## 6. Regular Items

### A. Presentation: Yolo Food Bank

*Michael Bisch, Executive Director of Yolo Food Bank, shared a presentation about Senate Bill 1383, Edible Food Recovery Program. Bisch suggested that the City partner with Yolo Food bank in their citywide efforts to limit food waste and improve food recovery. Support from the commission was requested.*

#### **Public Comment:**

- *Connor Gorman expressed support for the Edible Food Recovery Program*
- *Josh Chapman expressed support for the efforts of the Yolo Food Bank.*

#### **Commission Discussion:**

*Commissioners discussed the feasibility of creating a city-mandated food recovery program. The cost would ultimately be passed on to the ratepayer. Mayor Brett Lee and former Mayor Robb Davis shared information about the City's previous exploration efforts into a food recovery program.*

### B. Davis Homelessness Alliance Year One Progress Report

*Martha Teeter and Joan Planell shared a presentation detailing Davis Homelessness Alliance's accomplishments in year one and goals for year two.*

#### **Public Comment:**

- *Joy Cohen expressed support for the work of the Davis Homelessness Alliance and all associated programs.*

#### **Commission Discussion:**

*Commissioners asked for clarification to certain aspects of Davis Homelessness Alliance's efforts. Minimal discussion ensued.*

### C. Housing Trust Fund Discussion

*The Housing Trust Fund subcommittee presented the Housing Trust Fund strategy draft report.*

#### **Public Comment:**

- *Robb Davis thanked the commission for the report and discussed how funds were utilized in the past. Davis had suggestions for creating future revenue streams.*
- *Martha Teeter suggested utilizing funds for rental assistance.*

#### **Commission Discussion:**

*Commissioners had a robust discussion about exploring funding sources, potential uses, and priorities of the housing funds.*

*Vaitla moved to have staff receive commission input and update the report before presenting to City Council, with a second by Perez. Valencia made a friendly amendment to the motion suggesting that a commission member present the report to City Council. Vaitla accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*  
*NOES: None*  
*ABSENT: None*

## **7. Subcommittee Updates**

### **A. Awareness and Outreach (Ennis, Snipes)**

*Commissioner Ennis discussed the subcommittee's primary goals. Social Services providers list needs to be revised and community input channels need to be refined.*

### **B. Housing Trust Fund (Vaitla, Valencia, Kalman) –** *No update.*

### **C. Evidence/Research/Grants (Vaitla, Wise, Perez)**

*Commissioner Wise discussed the subcommittee's efforts to build relationships with UC Davis School of Law and Sacramento area resources.*

### **D. Joint Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety (Perez, Vaitla, Wise)** *Commissioner Vaitla shared the progress of the joint subcommittee.*

### **Public Comment:**

- *Connor Gorman expressed support for the various programs presented but suggested the City look into programs that operate independently from Davis Police Department.*

*AYES: Ennis, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*  
*NOES: None*  
*ABSENT: None*

*Public Comment: None*

## **8. Commission and Staff Communications**

### **A. Development Project Update**

*Kelly Stachowicz: Mutual Housing at 5<sup>th</sup> will begin construction soon and will include 38 deeply affordable units. (Sterling 5<sup>th</sup> Street apartments).*

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

*Valencia suggested the First Time Homebuyer Definition Change be included in the November agenda and the Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee name be changed to the Affordable Housing Subcommittee. Commissioners suggested other minor updates.*

*Vaitla moved to approve the Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee name change. Valencia seconded. Valencia, Kalman, Vaitla will partake in the subcommittee. The motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: None*

**9. Adjourn**

*Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.*