



City of Davis
Social Services Commission Minutes
Monday, November 16, 2020

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

Members Absent: None. (Matthew Wise entered the meeting after 7pm, Snipes exited the meeting after 9pm).

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Vaitla called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Valencia move to approve agenda, with a second by Vice Chair Ennis. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ennis, Kalman, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia

NOES: None

ABSENT: Perez, Wise

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Valencia informed the commission that the Housing Element Committee had their first workshop on November 5, 2020.

Kelly Stachowicz informed the commission that Yolo County has regressed back to the “purple tier” in regards to Covid-19 restrictions.

4. Public Comment

Allen Pryor, President of Davis Oral Health Project, expressed opposition towards the City’s CDBG expenditure reporting requirements. Pryor suggested that the commission assist in the efforts to make the reporting requirements easier.

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2020

B. Affordable Housing Ownership Program Updates

Staff shared an informational update on the City’s affordable housing ownership program. Guidelines were discussed with the Commission.

Vaitla moved with a second by Kalman, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ennis, Kalman, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia

NOES: None
ABSENT: Perez, Wise

6. Regular Items

A. CDBG/HOME critical needs list approval

Staff shared a presentation to the commission about the CDBG/HOME critical needs list.

Public Comment: None.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioners engaged in a discussion about the various guidelines and ways to make it easier for most non-profits to apply for funding. The impact of stringent reporting requirements and changes to the award amounts were also discussed.

Vice Chair Ennis moved that within applications, applicants explain how they're adapting their program to meet the demand of the covid-19 context. Snipes second.

Chair Vaitla added a friendly amendment that applicants 'briefly' explain.

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

Snipes moved that applicants must request a minimum of \$5000.00 in their application. Kalman second.

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

Chair Vaitla moved to approve the critical needs list with changes. Vice Chair Ennis second.

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

B. Outreach Subcommittee Priorities

Vice Chair Ennis shared a presentation about the Outreach Subcommittee's priorities.

Public Comment:

Connor Gorman suggested that the Sociology Department at UC Davis would be a great resource for the Outreach Subcommittee.

Commission Discussion:

Updated outreach methods to the community were discussed with the commission.

C. Joint Subcommittee on Community Health and Safety

Chair Vaitla shared a comprehensive update from the Joint Subcommittee about the draft initial report that is close to being finalized before it is brought to Council.

Public Comment:

Connor Gorman expressed support for the report and gave input on how to improve the reimagining and restructuring public safety component of the report.

Commission Discussion:

Key messages of the report were thoroughly discussed with the commission.

Vice Chair Ennis moved to approve the report as is. Snipes second.

AYES: Ennis, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kalman, Perez

7. Subcommittee Updates

A. Awareness and Outreach (Ennis, Snipes) – *Item presented in Regular Items.*

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

C. Evidence/Research/Grants (Vaitla, Wise, Perez) – *No update –*

D. Joint Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety (Perez, Vaitla, Wise) – *Item presented in Regular Items.*

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Development Project Update

Kelly Stachowicz informed the commission that the Plaza 2555 project is scheduled to go before Council on November 17, 2020. Staff and Commissioners thanked Brett Lee for his commitment to the commission. The November meeting is his last.

B. Social Services Commission Long Range Calendar

Kelly Stachowicz updated the long-range calendar to include:

- *Affordable housing ownership study presentation (Mikaela Fenton, UC Davis student)*
- *Substance use programs and trends presentation (Ian Evans, Yolo County)*

Valencia moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Ennis second.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.