



**City of Davis**  
**Social Services Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, January 25, 2021**

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*Commissioners Present: Donald Kalman; Susan Perez; Kurt Snipes; Bapu Vaitla; Georgina Valencia; Matthew Wise; Rachael Fulp-Cooke (Alternate)*

*Commissioners Absent: Judith Ennis*

*Others Present: Dagoberto Fierros, Staff Liaison; Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager; Will Arnold, Council Liaison*

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Valencia moved, with a second by Kalman to approve the agenda.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Ennis*

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

*Will Arnold greeted the Commission as the new Council liaison.*

**4. Public Comment**

*No public comment.*

**5. Consent Items**

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

*Wise: Heading C needs a correction in the first sentence. Wise moved, with a second by Fulp-Cooke, to approve the minutes as amended.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Ennis*

**6. Regular Items**

**A. Update: Capstone Project – USC Sol Price School of Public Policy –**

*Staff, Dago Fierros and Kelly Stachowicz provided an overview of the project.*

*Kalman suggested that the project group receive well-rounded and unbiased information about affordable housing in Davis. Wise wanted to be sure the project*

*group has access to materials and information pertinent to their project. Vaitla asked about the role of commissions in previous Capstone projects.*

*No public comment.*

**B. Presentation: Daytime Respite Center Pilot Program –**

*Fierros provided an overview of the Respite Center operations to date. Statistics of assisted individuals, linkages to benefits, and linkages to other shelter programs were presented. Snipes asked if mental health cases are referred to the County and if the group that spends time at the Korean Church are taking advantage of the Respite Center. Staff responded that mental health cases are handled by CommuniCare or Yolo County. Valencia expressed support for the program and services provided, but had concerns about purchasing permanent features for a non-permanent program. Kalman stated that the City will most likely not be able to evaluate the respite center program in a non-COVID scenario in the next 12 months. Discussion ensued.*

*Public Comment:*

*Mary Kirsch, asked if the unduplicated intakes to the program are unique individuals experiencing homelessness.*

**C. Public Hearing: CDBG-CV3 Funding –**

*Stachowicz provided an overview of the proposal that includes securing funding for the Respite Center Pilot Program, Davis Emergency Shelter Program extension, and Sanctioned Camping.*

*Fulp-Cooke asked about the logistics involving the sanctioned camping project. Kalman requested information about existing program funds that are available to assist individuals who are at risk of homelessness. Commissioners Wise, Valencia and Chair Vaitla asked for clarification on funding sources and funding uses for the various programs that were presented. Staff made clarifications and discussion ensued.*

*Public Comment:*

*Alan Pryor, expresses concerns that CDBG funds have shifted from smaller non-profit projects to larger city projects. Pryor stated that CDBG-CV3 funds should not be entirely allocated to City sponsored activities that would otherwise be funded by the General Fund.*

*Snipes moved to approve the proposal as presented by staff, with a second by Fulp-Cooke.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Ennis*

**D. Update: Affordable Ownership Housing Program –**

*Kelly Stachowicz provided an update on the City's Affordable Ownership Housing Program. Valencia provided an overview of the 2010 Grand Jury report in regards to the status and diminishing inventory of affordable housing in Davis. Valencia questioned the fairness and diversity of the affordable housing program and the way it has been managed in the past. Commissioner Snipes and Chair Vaitla continued the discussion about the City's affordable program regulations, restrictions, and discussed comparisons to other affordable programs in similar sized cities. Valencia made a motion for staff to report as a standing agenda item any updates to homes that are part of the City's Affordable Ownership Housing program, such as deed restricted properties coming onto the market, loss of right of first refusal on a property, and notifications of foreclosed affordable homes. Chair Vaitla seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Ennis*

**E. Update: Housing Trust Fund Allocations –**

*Kelly Stachowicz provided an update on the City's Housing Trust Fund. Projects that have received fund allocations in the past and the varying funding sources were presented. An annual update will be presented to the commission moving forward. Minimal discussion ensued.*

*No public comment.*

**7. Additional Subcommittee Updates**

- A. Affordable Housing Subcommittee (Vaitla, Valencia, Kalman) – *No update.*
- B. Evidence/Research/Grants (Vaitla, Wise, Perez) – *Vaitla stated that the USC capstone project seems to be well received.*
- C. Awareness and Outreach (Ennis, Snipes) – *Snipes stated that the completed report will be presented in February.*
- D. Joint Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety (Perez, Vaitla, Wise) – *No update.*

**8. Commission and Staff Communications**

**A. Development Projects Update**

*Kelly Stachowicz updated the commission on Mutual Housing at 5<sup>th</sup> Street as part of the affordable portion of the Sterling project.*

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

*Commissioner Kalman and Valencia questioned the timing and importance of certain items that have come before the commission and items that have not been brought to the commission. Vaitla requested to add an agenda item to the February meeting to discuss commission roles, mission and procedures. Dagoberto Fierros updated the commission on pending presentations. Kelly Stachowicz discussed the process of adding recommendations from the commission to the Council agenda.*

*Public Comment: No public comment.*

**9. Adjourn**

*Vaitla moved to adjourn the meeting, Valencia second.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Kalman, Perez, Snipes, Vaitla, Valencia, Wise*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Ennis*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.*