



**City of Davis**  
**Social Services Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

*Commissioners present: Rachael Fulp-Cooke; Julia Mouat; Susan Perez; Bapu Vaitla, Chair*

*Commissioners absent: Judith Ennis, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:15pm); Alana O'Brien (arrived at 7:03pm); Jenna Shaw-Battista (arrived at 7:05pm); Judy Wong-Chen, Alternate (arrived at 7:05pm)*

*Others Present: Dagoberto Fierros, Management Analyst; Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Fulp-Cooke moved, Perez seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, Perez, Vaitla*

*NOES: None.*

*ABSENT: Ennis, O'Brien, Shaw-Battista, Wong-Chen*

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

*Brief announcements were moved after item 6A of the regular items.*

- A.** Staff shared with the commission and update on the 2021-2029 Housing Element, Crisis Now Pilot Project, and the status of In-Person/Virtual Meetings moving forward.

**4. Public Comment**

*None.*

**5. Consent Items**

*The consent calendar was moved after item 6A of the regular items.*

**A. Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2021**

*Perez moved to approve the minutes. Ennis seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, O'Brien, Perez, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla*

*NOES:  
ABSENT:*

**B. Davis Innovation and Sustainability Campus (DiSC 2022) Processing Update**

*Vaitla moved to move Consent item 5B to the Regular items. Perez seconded. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, O'Brien, Perez, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla*

*NOES:  
ABSENT:*

**6. Regular Items**

**A. Pacifico – Yolo County CalWorks Proposal –**

Nolan Sullivan of Yolo County Health and Human Services shared a presentation regarding the proposal to utilize the two vacant buildings at Pacifico for the CalWORKS housing support program. The purpose of the program is to assist families in quickly obtaining permanent housing and to provide wrap-around support services to families to foster housing retention. The proposal includes paying for remodels of the buildings, a 5-year master lease, and additional site upgrades.

Fulp-Cooke asked for more details about the cost of remodeling the two buildings. Sullivan Stated the proposal includes the remodels of the buildings to maintain an adequate level of habitability that is paid through the state funded Housing Support Program (HSP).

Perez asked for the CalWORKS definition of a “family” and where relocated children in the program will attend school. Sullivan stated that the average family size is 2.5 persons and can be two adults, a parent and children, and other variations. Sullivan plans to have discussions with the school district.

*Public Comment:*

*Matthew Lange expressed support for housing individuals in need but questioned whether the property is a good fit for the program.*

*Nick Gunther expressed concerns over budgetary restrictions of the program as well as existing public safety and environmental issues at the site.*

*Martha Teeter expressed support for the proposal.*

*Ellen Kolarik expressed support for the program but suggested that additional services should be provided to new and existing tenants to improve the safety of the general area.*

*Francesca Wright expressed support for the proposal.*

*Dave Lichtenhan suggested that the commission visit the project site and expressed support for the services provide by the program.*

*Connor Gorman expressed support for the proposal and described the challenges that the program may face.*

*Peter Broderick asked that the commission include language that states that revenues from the new program be used to invest into improving the safety of existing tenants and surrounding community.*

*Susanna Gunther expressed concerns over the proposal and did not support the program at the proposed site.*

*Jacquelin Leyva Coughlin expressed concerns over the proposal at the proposed site due to existing challenges.*

*Mary Anne Kirsch expressed support for the proposal.*

*Tracy DeWit expressed concerns and did not support the proposal.*

*Public Comment period closed at 8:06pm.*

*Nolan Sullivan summarized solutions to the concerns that were raised by the the public.*

*Chair Vaitla clarified that the City Council is not currently considering the Pacifico site for the use as an emergency winter shelter.*

*Commissioner O'Brien and Mouat requested information about the history of Pacifico and what type of services are provided to existing tenants. Stachowicz clarified.*

*Commissioner Fulp-Cooke requested ownership and property management information. Stachowicz stated that the City owns the property but Yolo County Housing manages the property.*

*Shaw-Battista and Vaitla suggested that the revenue generated from the proposed program also be used to provide support services and maintenance services for the existing tenants and occupied buildings.*

*Perez and Ennis expressed support for the many benefits that the program can bring to families in need.*

*Councilmember Arnold expressed the importance of visiting the site.*

*Vaitla made a motion to recommend the City Council to support the proposal with the additional recommendation that generated revenue that exceeds the operational requirements to run the two vacant buildings, be prioritized for the use and improvement of support services and conditions at the occupied buildings; and that the community in the area be closely consulted about how the funds are used, including the capacities and choices of the property management company. Fulp-Cooke seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, O'Brien, Perez, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla*

*NOES:*

*ABSENT:*

*Staff suggested that site visits at Pacifico for commissioners is a possibility.*

#### **B. Davis Innovation and Sustainability Campus 2022 Processing Update**

Staff shared information about the processing procedure to the commission.

*Public Comment:*

*Connor Gorman expressed interest in various components of the updated proposal.*

#### **C. Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) –**

*Staff presented the report and shared brief information about how the CDBG and HOME funds were utilized the previous fiscal year.*

*Vaitla made a motion to approve the recommendation to City Council. Fulp-Cooke seconded.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, O'Brien, Perez, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla, Wong-Chen*

*NOES:*

*ABSENT: Ennis*

*Public Comment: None*

*Fulp-Cooke moved to continue the meeting until the end and to remove the Work Plan feedback regular item from the agenda and include in the October meeting. Perez seconded.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, O'Brien, Perez, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla, Wong-Chen*

*NOES:*

*ABSENT: Ennis*

*Ennis returned to the meeting after the item vote.*

## **7. Additional Subcommittee Updates**

**A. American Rescue Plan Act** – Ennis and Staff provided an update on a future community meeting that is yet to be scheduled.

**B. Environmental Scan** – Fulp-Cooke and Shaw-Battista shared a brief presentation that identified the community landscape for social services programs and services.

**C. Municipal Reparations** – Subcommittee was ended.

**D. Unarmed Crisis Response** – Subcommittee was ended.

**E. University Student Advocacy Groups Outreach** – O'Brien and Julia gave a brief update on the connections that are being made. Vaitla joined the subcommittee.

*Public Comment:*

*Connor Gorman shared views on the city's direction of unarmed crisis response and expressed support for the commission's advocacy efforts with the university.*

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

**A. Development Projects and Affordable Housing Properties Update**  
*Staff provided a brief update on the Adelante affordable project that was built by Mutual Housing of California.*

**B. Social Services Commission Long Range Calendar**  
*Staff and Commissioners added items of importance to the long range calendar.*

*Public Comment: None.*

## **9. Adjourn**

*Perez moved to adjourn, with a second by Fulp-Cooke, to adjourn.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, O'Brien, Perez, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla*

*NOES:*

*ABSENT:*

*The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.*