



**Social Services Commission Minutes
Monday, November 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Chair Ennis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Commissioners Present: *Judy Ennis; Rachel Fulp-Cooke; Julia Mouat; Allie O'Brien; Susan Perez; Jenna Shaw-Battista; Bapu Vaitla; Judy Wong-Chen (Alternate)*

Also Present:

- *City Staff: Dagoberto Fierros, Kelly Stachowicz, Adrienne Heinig, Jennifer Gilbert*
- *Natural Resources Commissioner, Michelle Byars*
- *Yolo County Staff: Marissa Juhler*

3. Approval of Agenda

Fulp-Cooke moved to approve the agenda. Vaitla seconded.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Perez shared that representatives from UC Davis Center for Healthcare Policy and Research were interested in presenting to the commission.

5. Public Comment

Martha Teeter – Commented about the current case management services at Pacifico for a few units that are provided by the Yolo Community Care Continuum.

6. Consent Items

A. *Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2021*

B. *Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2021*

Ennis stated that commissioners carefully reviewed the minutes for any changes and determined that no changes needed to be made at this time.

Public Comment: None

Vaitla moved to approve both sets of minutes. Perez seconded.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. Regular Items

A. Critical Needs List and RFP Schedule for the 2022-2023 CDBG and HOME programs

Stachowicz shared a presentation of the critical needs list and the request for proposals schedule.

O'Brien asked for clarification on the percentage of funds that are used for affordable housing and asked why there were minimal funds allocated for affordable housing last year. Stachowicz stated that she did not have exact percentages on hand but would provide after the meeting.

Vaitla asked clarification on how applicant preference is determined and suggested that language be added to include the preference for very low income and extremely low income. Vaitla also questioned the impacts the minimum grant ask has on smaller organization who apply.

Stachowicz stated that in the past the list was narrowed and focused on one specific area of need but it's mostly based on the type of applications that come in. In the past year very few affordable housing related applications were received.

Wong-Chen asked if the commission can receive the previous list of applicants to review and compare the past and current needs.

Ennis requested staff to provide an update as to why less applications have been received in recent years. Stachowicz noted that federal reporting requirements can be onerous and that some non-profits have merged or closed.

Fulp-Cooke stated that the list should not be narrowed but should express preference for very low and extremely low income levels.

Public Comment: None

Vaitla made a motion that the city give strongest preference to projects that serve very low income and extremely low income households. Fulp-Cooke seconded.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Perez moved to create a subcommittee to develop a rubric to evaluate the CDBG/HOME grant applications and submit to City staff to include in the RFP that will go before council on December 7th. Vaitla seconded. Shaw-Battista added a friendly amendment that includes the following language at the end of the original motion “based on the priorities discussed and identified by the commission”. Perez accepted the amendment.

Vaitla, Perez, and Ennis will form the subcommittee to develop the rubric.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Commissioners stated their top priorities as:

- Senior Adults*
- Homeless Services*
- Hunger Services*
- Substance Abuse Prevention Programs*
- Housing First Programs*
- Use Rental Subsidies*
- Removing Crisis Intervention Services. City Council has allocated funding for these services.*
- Youth Drug and Alcohol abuse prevention and counseling services*
- Assistance to Youth leaving foster care*
- Domestic violence and trauma intervention services*

B. Discussion Regarding Edible Food Recovery as Relates to SB 1383 Implementation

Jennifer Gilbert and Adrienne Heinig shared a presentation that discussed the plan to be in compliance with AB 1383 by creation of a uniform waste diversion program.

Public Comment:

- Anna Kawiecki shared the importance of existing food recovery programs in Davis, described the current challenges of food insecurity in Davis, and suggested future collaborations with city efforts.*

Vaitla asked if there will be coordination with UC Davis to implement the program. Heinig stated that UC Davis will fall under Yolo County’s program.

Ennis, Mouat, and Shaw-Battista expressed support for the program and applauded the county-wide collaboration.

Marissa Juhler, the Waste Reduction & Sustainability Manager at Yolo County, stated the challenges of implementing a waste diversion program that encompasses the entire county.

Michelle Byars of the Natural Resources Commission stated that figuring out Davis' needs will be challenging.

Ennis moved to receive the City of Davis Edible Food Recovery Report and the Yolo County Edible Food Capacity Report, and to support staff's proposal to participate in a Countywide Food Recovery Program, Perez seconded.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

C. City Council Joint Discussion Preparation

Fierros and Stachowicz shared a background information as to what should be included in the joint discussion.

Ennis moved to create a subcommittee to prepare talking points and create a presentation, Fulp-Cooke seconded.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Fulp-Cooke, Ennis, Vaitla elected to be in the Joint Discussion preparation subcommittee.

Public Comment: None

D. Emergency Winter Shelter Presentation

Fierros shared a presentation about the overnight emergency winter shelter that will be operated by HEART of Davis from November 29, 2021 through March 18, 2022 at the Davis Migrant Center.

Perez asked for clarification on the transportation plan and Ennis asked about transportation of personal belongings. Fierros stated that program participants will be transported in the City's decommissioned Davis Community Transit bus and in buses that are rented by HEART of Davis. Stachowicz stated that

staff is considering using the storage facility at the Respite Center as the primary storage for the program.

O'Brien asked if sanctioned camping will be impacted by the reallocation of funds to the emergency winter shelter. Stachowicz stated that although funds that were originally allocated to sanctioned camping were reallocated to the emergency winter shelter program, the City is still reviewing sanctioned camping options for the future.

Wong-Chen asked if program participants will be paired with strangers or with family members. Fierros stated that participants will be paired by their compatibility but that individuals have separate sleeping rooms.

Public Comment: None

Perez moved to continue the meeting until 9:20. Ennis seconded.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. Subcommittee Updates

- A. American Rescue Plan Act – No update.*
- B. Davis Innovation and Sustainability Campus 2022 – Vaitla requested that the affordable housing plan be provided to the commission.*
- C. Environmental Scan – Fulp-Cooke shared an update on the survey.*
- D. Pacifico Affordable Housing Complex – Fulp-Cooke reached out to Mayor Partida and Councilmember Chapman to discuss the possibility of collaborating in a neighborhood meeting. Fulp-Cooke and Vaitla shared the summary of the conversation they had with neighbors of Pacifico.*
- E. University Student Advocacy Groups Outreach – O'Brien stated that the subcommittee is working on a presentation that emphasizes on affordable housing a public safety.*

Public Comment: None

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Development Projects and Affordable Housing Properties Update

Stachowicz stated there are five affordable for-sale inquires and two affordable refinances. Ennis requested that more information be provided after the meeting.

B. Social Services Commission Long Range Calendar

Fierros shared the items listed on the long range calendar.

Perez recommended to include a presentation from representatives of UC Davis Center for Healthcare Policy and Research on the listening session findings regarding the reimagining public safety initiative.

Vaitla recommended to include a presentation regarding the Inclusionary Housing programs.

8. Adjourn

Ennis moved to adjourn, Shaw-Battista seconded.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.