



**Social Services Commission Minutes  
Monday, January 24, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Commissioners Present:** *Ennis; Fulp-Cooke; Mouat; O'Brien; Perez; Shaw-Battista; Vaitla; Wong-Chen*

*Absent: None*

*Also Present: Dagoberto Fierros, Kelly Stachowicz, Will Arnold*

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Fulp-Cooke moved, with a second by Vaitla to approve the agenda.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

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

*Fierros stated that the City closed the emergency winter shelter program at the Davis Migrant Center location for the rest of the cold weather season due to operational challenges, safety issues, and logistical difficulties.*

*Perez asked if staff can communicate lessons learned after the closure to better inform the commission moving forward. Fierros stated that staff are reviewing information about the program and will request feedback from the commission before the program opens up again.*

*O'Brien asked if there were alternative shelter options for individuals that will remain unhoused after the closure. Fierros stated that staff are working with partner agencies and programs to recommend shelter options for individuals affected by the closure.*

*Fierros stated that the staff are considering continuing the program at the existing site in the future.*

*Stachowicz shared that the point-in-time count of unsheltered individuals in Davis will take place soon.*

## 5. Public Comment

*None.*

## 6. Consent Items

### A. Approval of Minutes – December 20, 2021

*Ennis moved to approve the minutes, with a second by Fulp-Cooke.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

## 7. Regular Items

### A. Findings from a Public Deliberation Study with Community Members about Police Reforms

*Perez introduced the study team and recommendations of the study.*

*Karen Shore shared the study's aims and methods, recruitment and participant demographics, key findings, and conclusions/recommendations.*

*Shani Buggs shared that the City devotes 30% of its unrestricted tax revenue to the Police Department and a decrease in police funding could allow for the hiring of a team of behavioral health case managers, paramedics, and mental health peer-support workers. The study found that the majority of respondents voted to reduce policing by shifting responsibility for nonviolent responses to other responders and to re-imagine policing with other systems of community safety or justice. The study found that the City of Davis should enhance their civic engagement that can elicit community values with a recognition that reforms be implemented in a calculated fashion beyond a 1-3 year timeframe.*

*Public Comment:*

- *Connor Gorman commented that the study shows the community desires to redirect funding away from the Police Department and shared examples of non-armed response.*

*Vaitla asked why participants changed their views after deliberations. Buggs stated that the deliberation process was intended to allow participants to take into consideration their personal views as well as taking into account other perspectives.*

*O'Brien and Ennis asked if there was outreach to students and disadvantaged communities. Shore stated that outreach efforts were made throughout the community but response rates were low were certain groups.*

*Stachowicz shared that City outreach efforts were made towards the community at large and not focused on certain groups.*

*Ennis expressed the significance of having higher participant diversity.*

**B. Public Hearing: Reallocation of Existing CDBG Funds**

*Stachowicz briefed the commission about the previous year's unused CDBG funding allocations. A portion of the funds are proposed to be used to close the funding gap of the installation of an exercise circuit at the Civic Center that is utilized by seniors and as adaptive recreation. The other portion of the funds are proposed to be used towards improvements at the Senior Center that includes major interior and exterior renovations.*

*Wong-Chen asked how staff determined which projects to fund. Stachowicz stated that staff prioritized "shovel-ready" projects.*

*Vaitla asked if funds can be rolled over to a new year. Stachowicz stated that the city must meet the CDBG timeliness factors and expenditure requirements, which makes it challenging to roll over funds in this situation due to the amount remaining. Vaitla asked if these funds can be used towards the Pacifico complex. Stachowicz stated that these types of funds can be used for rehabilitation of Pacifico.*

*Ennis opened the public hearing.*

*Public Comment: None.*

*Vaitla encouraged council to prioritize the rehabilitation of Pacifico with these types of funds or other existing funds.*

*Fulp-Cooke expressed concerns about losing funds in the future.*

*O'Brien and Shaw-Battista expressed support for the recommendation but wanted to prioritize affordable housing rehabilitation.*

*Vaitla moved to accept the staff recommendation and urged city council to consider using these funds for the rehabilitation of Pacifico and other affordable housing properties.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

### **C. Commission-Sponsored Workshops**

*Ennis briefed the commission about sponsoring workshops. Stachowicz shared the process, parameters and guidelines that the commission must consider and abide by.*

*Ennis moved to create a community outreach efforts subcommittee that identifies possible commission sponsored community meetings or forums for the next year. Fulp-Cooke seconded.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*

*Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, and O'Brien will form the subcommittee*

*Public Comment: None.*

## **7. Subcommittee Updates**

*A. Environmental Scan – Fulp-Cooke stated that the survey will be closing on Friday and currently has a 56% response rate. The findings will be presented at the February commission meeting.*

*B. University Student Advocacy Groups Outreach – O'Brien shared the subcommittee draft presentation documents. The subcommittee will present at the February commission meeting.*

*Public Comment: None.*

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

### **A. Development Projects and Affordable Housing Properties Update**

*Stachowicz stated that DiSC will be presented before the City Council on February 1. The Adelante affordable housing component of the Sterling Project is near completion. Staff will reach out to the Commission when an open house is scheduled. Stachowicz stated that several affordably restricted properties are currently for sale and going through refinances.*

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

*Fierros shared the items listed on the long-range calendar and the Commissioners provided input.*

*Shaw-Battista asked if staff could provide updates in the brief announcements section about the status of past commission recommendations made to City Council.*

**8. Adjourn**

*Ennis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm, Perez second.*

*Motion passed by the following vote:*

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

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: None*