



City of Davis
Social Services Commission Minutes
Monday, April 18, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Rachael Fulp-Cooke, Julia Mouat, Allie O'Brien, Susan Perez, Jenna Shaw-Battista, Bapu Vaitla, Judy Wong-Chen

Members Absent: Judith Ennis

Others Present: Will Arnold, Dagoberto Fierros, Kelly Stachowicz

1. Call to Order

Fulp-Cooke called the meeting to order at 7:02

2. Approval of Agenda

Perez moved, with a second by Fulp-Cooke, approval of the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ennis, Shaw-Battista

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

Fierros: City Council is going back to in-person Council meetings May 10. Commission meetings will remain virtual for now.

4. Public Comment

Alan Hirsch shared a presentation highlighting climate justice and housing in Davis. Hirsch expressed concerns about city bike parking standards, retrofitting older apartments with EV chargers and shade trees. Hirsch urged the commission to include a housing and climate justice discussion item on a future agenda.

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2022

Vaitla moved, with a second by Perez, approval of the minutes. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ennis

6. Regular Items

A. Student Support Services Presentation

Cara Messmore (Director of Student Support Services), Annette Preciado (Prevention and Crisis Manager), Camica Edwards (Homeless/Foster Liaison) from Davis Joint Unified School District presented on supporting the well-being of students, focusing on mental and social/emotional health. Notable comments include:

- *DJUSD tries to provide tiers levels of support, based on student needs.*
- *School counselors at every site.*
- *Care Solace – helps families connect to mental health providers and walks them through process to connect to services*
- *CommuniCare Mental Health services*
- *Partnership with Auburn Davis Dialectical Behavior Therapy*
- *Foster youth have special needs. DJUSD has about 30 families in the District that have foster youth.*
- *DJUSD also works with students who do not have a permanent home.*
- *DJUSD has students who have experienced various types of hardships/trauma and must work with community partners to help serve all.*
- *Would like City's support to help stop stigma of struggling, of mental health issues; would like to improve access to school and to services (transportation); would like additional mental health staff to provide resources and would like additional space to work on mental health.*

Commission Discussion:

Commissioners expressed support for the student support services provided by the schools and asked how the commission can provide support. School district staff noted the need for more funding to support initiatives ranging from transportation to mental health.

Public Comment:

USMC stated that food availability is important and asked if students can request services anonymously. Also asked if there is a way to keep donations to kids anonymous.

Alan Hirsch stated that staff should not restrict interactions between public commenters and commissioners.

B. Citywide Programs for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness – 2021-2022

Fierros: Shared presentation regarding homelessness programs currently in Davis. County serves as a pass-thru agency for many funds. Yolo County has the HPAC (Housing Poverty Action Coalition) coordinates the local Continuum of Care (CoC). Point in Time count provides basis for planning for services. Programs have included the following:

- *Pathways to Employment (Davis Community Meals)*

- Supportive Housing Program (Davis Community Meals)
- Emergency Shelter Program (HEART)
- Migrant Center Shelter Program (HEART)
- Bridge Housing Program (Hope Cooperative)
- Hotel Emergency Shelter Program (City) and collaboration with private faith organizations
- Getting to Zero (Yolo County Housing)
- Respite Center (CommuniCare)
- Project RoomKey (Yolo County)
- Paul's Place (Davis Community Meals)

Commission Discussion:

- O'Brien expressed concern about the point-in-time count not account university students and asked if the city has had outreach to student groups in the effort. Fierros stated that the City looks forward to improving outreach to university student groups in future counts.

Public Comment:

USMC: Estimates that 40% homeless won't ever go into a home/shelter. Would like to see transitional housing that lets residents run their own housing program that supports self-sufficiency.

7. Subcommittee Updates

- A.** Community Outreach Efforts Subcommittee (Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, O'Brien)
Fulp-Cooke reported out. Built on findings from survey. Would like to invite organizations to present: support for children and families, short-term emergency assistance, food insecurity, affordable housing, homeless services. Would like to have presentations/discussions at future meetings.

In general, Commissioners liked this approach.

- B.** Environmental Scan (Fulp-Cooke, Shaw-Battista, Wong-Chen)
No update
- C.** University Student Advocacy Groups Outreach (Mouat, O'Brien, Vaitla)
No update

Public Comment:

Alan Hirsch mentioned that the law of strawberry jam states the wider your spread it, the thinner it gets. Hirsch also suggested that the commission can't figure out all the world's problems and should focus on a few priorities. Hirsch would like the commission to focus on climate justice.

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Development Projects and Affordable Housing Properties Update

Fierros: just a few refinances but no announcements.

B. Social Services Commission Long Range Calendar

Would like to received an introduction of the Director of Social Services and Housing when that position is filled.

Shaw-Battista moved, with a second by Perez to create a subcommittee to follow up on student services and determine ways that Commission/City could support their needs.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ennis

Perez, Shaw-Battista, Wong-Chen will be subcommittee.

9. Adjourn

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

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ennis

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.
