



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

1. Call to Order

Chair Judy Ennis called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Commission Members Present: *Judith Ennis, Chair; Rachael Fulp-Cooke, Vice Chair; Julia Mouat; Jenna Shaw-Battista; Bapu Vaitla; Judy Wong-Chen (Alternate)*

Commission Members Absent: *Alana O'Brien, Susan Perez*

Council Liaison Present: *Will Arnold*

Staff Present: *Dana Bailey, Social Services and Housing Director; Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager*

2. Approval of Agenda

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

AYES: Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla, Wong Chen

NOES:

ABSENT: O'Brien, Perez

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

No announcements.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2022

Vaitla moved, with a second by Shaw Battista, approval of the consent calendar.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla, Wong Chen

NOES:

ABSENT: O'Brien, Perez

6. Regular Items

A. Discussion: The Commission's role in addressing specific topics related to climate justice and affordable housing development projects.

Ennis asked whether commission interested in recommending to Council that Commission review climate justice when they review affordable housing.

Staff: As City updates Urban Forestry Management Plan, Tree Commission extended invite to all commissions to participate in discussion.

The Commission discussed the balance between getting involved in climate justice and discussing specific tree issues. Noted that climate justice is broad and may merit a subcommittee to determine interface with social services. Could determine recommended criteria to determine whether an affordable housing proposal is just (in terms of climate). Discussion included how commission would reasonably incorporate issues of climate justice into reviews of projects and whether commission wanted to parcel out climate justice. General concern about placing another hurdle in building affordable housing.

No public comment

Vice Mayor Will Arnold: Appreciates commission's discussion. Would want commission to note for Council if there was a climate justice defect in a proposal for an affordable housing project.

Commissioner Vaitla volunteered to be primary liaison and Commissioner Ennis volunteered to be secondary liaison to Urban Forestry Management Plan work. Commissioners would like to know whether other cities have done this in their affordable housing programs.

- B. Update:** Sheltering options during inclement weather (heat/cold).
Dana Bailey shared that staff is working with interfaith groups to understand what they might be willing to do regarding winter shelter.
Commission discussed temporary shelters during extreme weather events and more permanent shelter options.

No public comment.

- C. Discussion:** Annual calendar development process adopted by social services commissions in similar jurisdictions.
Bailey: Could consider a quarterly presentation. Would like feedback from commission.

No public comment.

7. Subcommittee Updates

- A. Community Outreach Efforts (*Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, O'Brien*) – See Item 6C.
- B. DJUSD Student Support Services Collaboration (*Perez, Shaw-Battista, Wong-Chen*) – *Wong-Chen explained they would like to learn from DJUSD what types of things the commission could help them with. Will revisit in the fall.*
- C. University Student Advocacy Groups Outreach (*Mouat, O'Brien, Vaitla*) – *Mouat noted that commission will need to wait until students return in the fall.*

No public comment.

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Development Projects and Affordable Housing Properties Update

Stachowicz reported the following:

- *Two ownership units for sale*
- *Refinances have slowed*
- *Adelante fully occupied (staff will ask Mutual how many applications they received)*
- *City and Council have both approved the lease for the CalWorks program at the Pacifico site to house unsheltered families in the program.*

B. Social Services Commission Long Range Calendar

Commissioners provided the following suggestions for future items:

- *Invite expert for inclusionary housing and tools communities use.. Vaitla will look into speakers*
- *Community navigators for public safety conversation for mental health.*
- *Stachowicz mentioned inclusionary housing consultant and study will come to commission*

9. Adjourn

Vaitla moved, with second by Fulp Cooke, to adjourn. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ennis, Fulp-Cooke, Mouat, Shaw-Battista, Vaitla, Wong Chen

NOES:

ABSENT: O'Brien, Perez

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.