



**City of Davis  
Social Services Commission Minutes  
Monday, November 21, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

*Members Present: Judith Ennis, Chair; Jenna Shaw-Battista; Julia Mouat; Susan Perez; Bapu Vaitla*

*Members Absent: Rachael Fulp-Cooke; Alana O'Brien; Judy Wong-Chen*

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Perez moved, with a second by Shaw-Battista, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Shaw-Battista, Mouat, Perez, Vaitla*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Fulp-Cooke; O'Brien; Wong-Chen*

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

Commissioner Vaitla announced he anticipates this will be his last Social Services Commission meeting pending the outcome of the election.

**4. Public Comment**

*Commissioner Gavin – suggested commission consider how Davis could build affordable housing units reserved specifically for teachers and public safety officers.*

**5. Consent Items (5 minutes)**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and non-controversial, require no discussion, as items are expected to have unanimous support, and may be enacted by one motion.

**A. Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2022**

*Shaw-Battista clarified her request to invite a representative from UC Davis Housing to an upcoming meeting to provide an update on the development of affordable student housing.*

*Ennis moved, with a second by Perez, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Shaw-Battista, Mouat, Perez, Vaitla*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Fulp-Cooke; O'Brien; Wong-Chen*

## 6. Regular Items

### A. Presentation and Discussion: UC Davis Aggie Compass Basic Needs Office

*Leslie Kemp, Director, UC Davis Aggie Compass Basic Needs Office provided the Commission an update on activities. She outlined the office's 4 Pillars of Support developed as the result of the findings of a 2018 study of student needs. The office and programs have expanded significantly since the last update to the Commission and include emergency rental assistance, Cal Fresh food support, and financial skills building. The office recently received a state grant to hire a full-time housing navigator to connect students to housing assistance and to hire two case managers to connect students to other services. The office is piloting "Aggie Eats", a food truck for students which will accept payment on an honor / pay-what-you-can-afford system. Ms. Kemp noted the office saw a substantial increase in need when the campus re-opened this Fall, attributing this to the end of CARE cash assistance, lack of jobs that pay living wages, end to eviction protections and inflation. The office hopes to address the "lease gap" experienced as student housing transitions take place during the Summer.*

*Shaw-Battista expressed concern about student access to mental health services and hoped the addition of case managers would improve connections particularly for Medi-Cal eligible students. She also suggested collaboration with local community-based organizations would benefit students.*

*Perez noted the closure of Solano Park housing exacerbated the lack of affordable housing options and noted UC Davis student families are being priced out of the community.*

*Vaitla suggested community navigators could help to address the "lease gap" and asked for the Office to consider other low-hanging fruit the Commission might help address.*

#### *Public Comment:*

*Gavin: Noted students often are unaware of the power they have to influence campus policy and suggested ways they might address issues of concern.*

*Teeter: Supported activities to have students share their experiences related to housing affordability in order to influence housing legislation.*

### B. Discussion: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/HOME Critical Needs List/Annual Request for Proposal

*Kelly Stachowicz shared background on the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program requirements for the development of a*

*Critical Needs list. In 2021 the Commission moved to prioritize services to extremely low/ very low income residents. No substantial changes were made to the lists and the Request for Proposal (RFP) process will be noticed January 31, 2023.*

*Ennis: When will funding recipients report on the impact of the funds received? Will technical assistance be provide to applicants during the RFP process?*

*Staff: Outcomes information is generally provided in the annual CAPER. Applicants will receive technical assistance, though most are seasoned recipients of funding.*

*Public Comment:  
None*

*Ennis moved, with a second by Vaitla, to raise the minimum award limit to \$7,000 from \$5,000. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Shaw-Battista, Mouat, Perez, Vaitla*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Fulp-Cooke; O'Brien; Wong-Chen*

**C. Presentation and Discussion:** Community Navigator project.

*Robb Davis and Ryan Collins presented a proposal to consider a Community Navigators project.*

**7. Subcommittee Updates – See above comments**

- A.** DJUSD Student Support Services Collaboration (*Perez, Shaw-Battista, Wong-Chen*)
- B.** University Student Advocacy Groups Outreach (*Mouat, O'Brien, Vaitla*)

**8. Commission and Staff Communications**

**A. Development Projects and Affordable Housing Properties Update**  
*Stachowicz:*

**B. Social Services and Housing Department Update**  
*Bailey:*

**C. Social Services Commission Long Range Calendar**  
*Reviewed long range calendar. Added Election of Chair/Vice Chair in December*

*Public Comment:*

**9. Adjourn**

*Ennis moved, with a second by Perez, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:*

*AYES: Ennis, Shaw-Battista, Mouat, Perez, Vaitla*

*NOES: None*

*ABSENT: Fulp-Cooke; O'Brien; Wong-Chen*

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*Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.*