



**Social Services Commission Meeting
Minutes
Monday, April 15, 2024**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Members Present: Rachael Fulp-Cooke, Judy Ennis, Judy Wong-Chen, Deanna Sverdlov, Justine Villanueva.

Members Absent:
None

Others Present: Bapu Vaitla, Vice Mayor; Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager; Dana Bailey, Director Social Services and Housing; Jennifer Block, Management Analyst.

Chair Rachael Fulp-Cooke called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda was moved by Fulp-Cooke, with a second by Wong-Chen. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Ennis, Wong-Chen, Sverdlov, Villanueva

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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

Bapu Vaitla, Vice Mayor introduced himself. He is in attendance of the meeting in place of Mayor Chapman.

4. Public Comment

Alan Hirsch, member of the public: Commented on concerns of the I-80 widening with toll lanes and social justice.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the February 26, 2023 Commission Minutes

Approval of the minutes incorporating the correction by Wong-Chen noting she is no longer a co-chair was moved by Villanueva, seconded by Ennis.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Ennis, Wong-Chen, Sverdlov, Villanueva

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. Regular Items

A. FY 2024-25 CDBG Process & Review Schedule

Dana Bailey gave an overview of the updated CDBG process for FY24-25. The technical workshop for interested applicants was held.

Public Comment:
None

Discussion:

- Have applicants always been required to be 501(c)(3)? (This is a HUD requirement. If an agency is not a non-profit they can partner with a non-profit to apply for funding.
- The commission is scheduled to review CDBG applications at the May meeting, but not everyone is available on the 20th. Can we look at other dates or the possibility of a virtual meeting option? (Dana Bailey will look at other possible meeting dates, meeting room availability and the possibility of a Zoom meeting).

B. Consider Council Subcommittee Proposed Scope of the Social Services Commission

Bapu Vaitla, Vice Mayor and Kelly Stachowicz, Assistant City Manager gave an update and overview of the City Council Subcommittee on Commissions process and proposed updated scope of the Social Services Commission including purpose, and functions.

Public Comment:
None

Discussion:

- Are commission members making recommendations on City driven items only? (Yes, the commission would review and make recommendations to other bodies on city programs only).
- Commission members discussed the reviewed the proposed language regarding the functions of the Social Services Commission and suggested incorporating phrasing that includes engaging and liaising with community partners and conferring on matters of accessibility if possible.

There was a motion by Ennis to support the Council Subcommittee's proposed scope of the Social Services Commission with the incorporated suggested changes discussed, with a second by Fulp-Cooke. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Fulp-Cooke, Ennis, Wong-Chen, Sverdlov, Villanueva

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C. FY23-24 Planning and Long-range Calendar

Commission members reviewed and made revisions to the Planning and Long-range Calendar.

Public Comment:
None

7. Liaison Reports

A. Davis Community Meals

Commission Member Deanna Sverdlov gave an overview of the services provided by Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) and shared information that she learned during her CDBG liaison site visit to Paul's Place.

Services available through DCMH and Paul's Place include a resource center, referrals, housing, benefits assistance, other assistance (food, clothes, utilities) and outreach to unhoused individuals. The supportive housing at Paul's Place has 18 permanent units, 10 transitional units and 4 emergency units. Six full time employees provide supportive services and referrals along with 200 volunteers, many which are residents.

B. Yolo County Children's Alliance

Commission Member Judy Wong-Chen gave an overview of the Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) and shared information that she learned during her CDBG liaison site visit to the Davis location.

The pillars of support provided by YCCA include parent education, family support, and community collaboration. The Community Health Initiative which falls under Community Collaboration is currently funded with \$14,700 of CDBG funding which helps to fund 1.0 full time employee.

8. Commission and Staff Communications

A. Development Projects and Affordable Housing Properties Update

Three homes sold during the month of March. There are currently three homes for sale. Staff are using the new selling process that was discussed at the January meeting.

B. Social Services and Housing Department

- Downtown Streets Team is now staffing the Respite Center. They are hoping to get back to regular program hours, 8am – 4pm in May.
- The Winter Shelter concluded March 31. Staff are working on compiling information and will share outcomes once data has been compiled.
- The Homeless Strategic Plan is coming along. The steering committee met last month and is meeting again this week. The final plan draft will be brought before the Social Services Commission before final approval by the City Council.

Public Comment:

None

Discussion:

Have there been any takers on the first-time home buyer program that was presented at the January meeting? (Bailey – Not sure, but will check on this).

Is there an update on Pacifico? (City staff are working on transitioning property management from Yolo County Housing to back in house. The County is considering next steps for the two buildings they were considering using for the County program.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.