

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 16, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Khin Khin Gyi called the regular meeting of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness to order at 7:25 p.m. in the Patio Room.

Present: Khin Khin Gyi, Vice Chair
Amy Cherness, Committee Member
Darryl Cherness, Committee Member
Jonathon Dilworth, Committee Member
Rachel Feldstein, Committee Member
Robert Gagnier, Committee Member*

Member Robert Gagnier joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Absent: Daniel Behrendt, Chair
Emily Dibiny, Committee Member
Leonardo Wilborn, Committee Member

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness
Christina Stoffers, Management Analyst
Brenda Diaz, Housing Assistant

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The Pledge of Allegiance

The Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness Meeting on February 20, 2024

MOVED BY MEMBER RACHEL FELDSTEIN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER JONATHON DILWORTH THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: JONATHON DILWORTH, RACHEL FELDSTEIN, KHIN KHIN GYI
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DANIEL BEHRENDT, EMILY DIBINY, ROBERT GAGNIER,
LEONARDO WILBORN
ABSTAIN: AMY CHERNESS, DARRYL CHERNESS

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Items from Members/Staff

Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness, reported that the City Clerk's Office was soliciting applicants for vacancies on Commissions, Boards, and Committees (CBCs) and she encouraged Members to check to see if their seat was expiring and to reapply if interested in continuing to serve.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that Members would not be notified that their seat was expiring; the process; attendance at the City Council interview meeting for CBC applicants; the process for City staff serving; important dates; partial terms; and the number of seats coming up on the Committee.

Member Robert Gagnier joined the meeting.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On The Agenda

Responding to inquiry from Vice Chair Khin Khin Gyi, a student attending the meeting discussed a course she was taking called Human Violence noting that her teacher was involved with the Alhambra City Council.

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Order of the Agenda

Items from Members/Staff and Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda were taken after Item C-1.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Review 2018 Culver City Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness and Discuss Process to Update Existing Plan

Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness, proposed that the item be tabled to the next meeting to allow Members the opportunity to refamiliarize themselves with the Plan and to allow for participation by the full Committee; she noted that staff had requested \$60,000 in the 2024-2025 budget to update the Plan; discussed the original grant from 2018; and items accomplished in the budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the process for creating the 2018 Plan; creation of a subcommittee to work on a new Plan; City Council approval; the Homeless Initiative Committee; and agendaizing creation of a subcommittee.

MOVED BY MEMBER RACHEL FELDSTEIN AND SECONDED BY JONATHON DILWORTH THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS TABLE ITEM A-1 TO THE MAY 2024 MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: AMY CHERNESS, DARRYL CHERNESS, JONATHON DILWORTH,
RACHEL FELDSTEIN, ROBERT GAGNIER, KHIN KHIN GYI
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DANIEL BEHRENDT, EMILY DIBINY, LEONARDO WILBORN

Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness, clarified that a separate item to form a subcommittee would be agendaized.

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Item A-2

Review the ACOHH Work Plan 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Priorities Approved During ACOHH January 20, 2024

Christina Stoffers, Management Analyst, reported a typo in the agenda title noting that the date should be February 20, 2024, rather than January 20, 2024.

Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness, indicated that staff was looking for clarification as to whether the priorities and accomplishments had been captured correctly.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding 2023 accomplishments.

Carrie Bell, Urban Alchemy, reported finding permanent housing for the City's longest-known homeless person who had been homeless for 22 years.

Tevis Barnes, Director of Housing and Homelessness, reported that Wellness Village was at capacity and that 51 people had been served with 26 people moved into Project Homekey; she discussed the number of people currently in hotels; work with Urban Alchemy and Exodus; people moved from the motels to Project Homekey; number of meals distributed; and Healthcare in Action, the weekly mobile health clinic that visits all sites.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the timing of accomplishments and inclusion in the report; continued work on the second motel lease; the January 2024 Homeless Count; the release of numbers from LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority); raw data; the overall decrease to numbers, but increases in certain categories; the significant increase of people in cars; prioritization of the Safe Parking program; the budget hearing request; costs for Safe Parking infrastructure and services; annual costs; pushback on previously identified

sites; investigation of a potential donated lease from Bed Bath and Beyond; an undeveloped lot on Jefferson and Sepulveda; privacy; alternative locations; creation of a dashboard on the City website to let people know what services are being provided and the number of people served; monthly service provider reports; Caltrans land; noise and environmental issues; plans to update the Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness; priorities for the City's legal team; and legislation impacting homelessness and housing.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding adding the word "permanent" in the first sentence on page 2 under work plans going forward to indicate: "To increase temporary shelter, affordable, and permanent supportive housing"; adding a bullet vs. expanding an existing bullet; increasing permanent supportive housing through Project Homekey or other funding options that may come to the City; expanding bullet 2 to read: "Explore implementation of a Safe Parking program and siting options on City-owned property"; City land that is held by different departments; land utilized by Public Works; adding a bullet point to indicate: "Seek additional funding sources to increase housing for homeless neighbors including permanent supportive housing"; adding a bullet under Priorities for the City's legal team to read: "Examine supporting legislation impacting homelessness and housing"; delegating the task to the City Council; actions of former ACOHH Vice Chair Fish to have the Committee examine legislation before going to the City Council; Member workload; responsibility for doing the work; and a request that staff provide an inventory of vacant City-owned land at the next meeting.

MOVED BY MEMBER RACHEL FELDSTEIN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER JONATHON DILWORTH THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE ACOHH WORK PLAN 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2024 PRIORITIES APPROVED DURING ACOHH FEBRUARY 20, 2024:

1. CHANGE THE BULLET UNDER PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY'S LEGAL TEAM TO READ: EXAMINE SUPPORTING LEGISLATION IMPACTING HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING; AND,
2. CHANGE THE FIRST BULLET UNDER ACOHH 2024 WORK PLAN TO READ: INCREASE TEMPORARY SHELTER, AFFORDABLE, AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING; AND,

3. ADD A SUB BULLET UNDER PRIORITIES FOR THE AACOHH IN SAFE PARKING THAT SAYS: EXPLORE SITING OPTIONS ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY; AND,

4. ADD A NEW BULLET UNDER PRIORITIES FOR ACOHH TO READ: SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES TO CREATE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: AMY CHERNESS, DARRYL CHERNESS, JONATHON DILWORTH,
RACHEL FELDSTEIN, ROBERT GAGNIER, KHIN KHIN GYI
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DANIEL BEHRENDT, EMILY DIBINY, LEONARDO WILBORN

Members received clarification that the revised hard copy would be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Vice Chair Khin Khin Gyi invited public comment.

No public comment was received.

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**Items from Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Members/Staff**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the date of the next meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:25 p.m., the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness adjourned to May 21, 2024.

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TEVIS BARNES

SECRETARY of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing
and Homelessness, Culver City, California

APPROVED

Daniel Behrendt

CHAIR of the Advisory Committee on Housing and
Homelessness, Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date