

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

April 19, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Daniel Behrendt called the regular meeting of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Patacchia Room at City Hall.

Present: Daniel Behrendt, Chair
Bubba Fish, Vice Chair*
Emily Dibiny, Committee Member
Amy Cherness, Committee Member
Darryl Cherness, Committee Member
Khin Khin Gyi, Committee Member

*Vice Chair Fish arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Absent: Rachel Feldstein, Committee Member
Lizbeth Mendez, Committee Member

Staff: Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Administrator
Christina Stoffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator

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The Pledge of Allegiance

Member Darryl Cherness led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment – Items NOT On The Agenda

Chair Behrendt invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Devin Yager expressed concern about homeless encampments near his home around Venice Boulevard and Bentley Avenue noting his intention to build an (ADU) Accessory Dwelling Unit, but hesitation due to concerns with unhoused individuals in the area and their refuse.

In response to a meeting attendee who expressed reluctance to wear a mask, Chair Behrendt read the City policy regarding mask-wearing at meetings; he encouraged those wanting to share their views in the meeting to put on a mask in order to participate; and a member of the Culver City Police Department (CCPD) was summoned to speak with an attendee about the issue outside of the meeting room.

Frank Clark expressed concern about homeless encampments near his home on Globe Avenue near the Venice/405 freeway underpass; he reported hearing explosions near the encampments; expressed concern that unhoused individuals were making drugs; and he asserted that City officials were doing nothing about the situation which was getting worse.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Special Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness Meeting of March 12, 2022

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BEHRENDT, CHERNESS, CHERNESS, DIBINY, FISH, GYI
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: FELDSTEIN, MENDEZ

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Presentations

Item R-1

Presentation on Affordable Housing Ballot Measures

Punit Chokshi, Senior Management Analyst, introduced the item.

Rick Sklarz, FM3 (Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin, Metz and Associates), provided a presentation on survey results for the Affordable/Workforce Housing Ballot Measure; discussed the timeframe for the survey; survey type; research population; total interviews; margin of sampling error; contact methods; data collection modes; voter mood; issue context; focus issues; initial reactions to ballot measures; changes in perception with changes to wording; use of Business License Tax ballot measure funds; priorities; use of Workforce/Affordable Housing ballot measure funds; impacts of educational statements; homelessness as the number one issue identified by voters; housing costs; and the need for extensive outreach and education.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Sklarz, staff and Committee Members regarding clarification on various aspects of the presentation.

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Receipt and File Correspondence

None.

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Order of the Agenda

Items A-1 and A-2 were tabled to the next meeting.

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Action Items

Item A-1

DISCUSSION: SCORE CARD Receive a Presentation from Chair Daniel Behrendt on the use of a Score Card Methodology to Measure Program Progress

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS DEFERRED ITEM A-1 TO THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BEHRENDT, CHERNESS, CHERNESS, DIBINY, FISH, GYI
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: FELDSTEIN, MENDEZ

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Item A-2

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Receive Nominations and Approve Recommendations:

- Appointments to the 2023 Homeless County Subcommittee
- Appointments to the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Subcommittee
- Appointments to the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS DEFERRED ITEM A-2 TO THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BEHRENDT, CHERNESS, CHERNESS, DIBINY, FISH, GYI
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: FELDSTEIN, MENDEZ

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

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

Tevis Barnes, Housing Programs Administrator, provided an update on the Project Homekey Motel Conversion Project noting that the project would provide 39 rooms of interim housing and 36 rooms of permanent supportive housing to the chronically homeless; she indicated that Exodus Recovery, located in Culver City, would be the service provider; discussed services provided by Exodus including psychiatric and chemical dependency treatment services; the Exodus inpatient and outpatient mental health hospitals in Los Angeles County and San Diego County; work being done to finalize the tenant criteria selection process for the project involving City staff, Exodus, Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and St. Joseph Center; and she reported that the City Council would hold a special meeting to discuss homelessness on May 3, 2022.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:00 p.m., the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness adjourned to a meeting to be held on May 31, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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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