

MEETING MINUTES
Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee Meeting

December 15, 2020
9:30 AM - 1:18 PM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This meeting was held by Webex pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders and Mayoral Emergency Proclamations suspending and modifying requirements for in-person meetings. During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emergency, the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee (OCOH) will convene remotely until the Committee is legally authorized to meet in person.

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1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Committee Members Present: Member Brett Andrews (joined late), Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams.

Committee Members Absent: None.

2) Opportunity for the public to comment on any matters within the Committee's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.

There was public comment from Gabriel Balducci, CEO of Urban Vision Alliance, a non-profit dedicated to ending street homelessness in San Francisco. Gabriel suggested to add return on investment as one of the evaluation criteria for different projects.

There was public comment from Theo Ellington, Director of Homeless Initiative and Community Development for the Salvation Army in San Francisco. Theo introduced himself and spoke on the work the organization is performing including re-imagining the use of six properties, supporting the safe sleeping site and homeless encampments through feeding, and performing services on drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

There was public comment from Rodney Fong, President and CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Rodney expressed his concern about the hundreds of thousands of unemployment claims in San Francisco and want to be sure that this group does not fall into a vulnerable community to exacerbate the problems we already have.

There was public comment from Cricket Miller, who discussed the governor's 100-day challenge. A memo was provided in addition to the public comment, and is available [here](#).

There was public comment from Randall Scott with the Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District. Randall urged the Committee to setup metrics for oversight and accountability that are easily reportable and reviewable by anyone.

There was public comment from Cassandra Costello of the San Francisco Travel Association. Cassandra thanked the members for their services and expressed interest in allocating the Prop C dollars to support the most vulnerable in the city.

There was public comment from Kristin Evans, a small business owner. Kristin stated that she was one of the proponents for Prop C. Kristin expressed frustration with some of the callers based on their prior lack of support for Prop C. She thanked the Committee for their service and stated that funds should be used to house homeless neighbors.

3) Committee to discuss Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing proposal for immediate funding needs to support homeless services and summary feedback on recommendations regarding the proposal from the Community Liaison on Urgent Needs, and possible action by the Committee in response to this item.

Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney, provided an overview of the conflict of interest rules. Committee members will have a conflict if their organizations are going to enter contracts or contract amendments with the City as a result of an item under discussion or vote by the committee. Members who have conflicts will have to removed themselves from the discussion and recuse themselves from voting on that recommendation. Jon Givner clarified and answered questions from the members. Ben Rosenfield stated that members should err on the side of caution since there will be many contract amendments on a regular basis coming out of the projects proposed for OCOH funding.

Gigi Whitley, Deputy Director for Administration and Finance of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) provided additional details on HSH proposal for immediate funding needs to support homeless services. Gigi Whitley answered questions from the members regarding whether other funding may be available for some immediate needs requests made to OCOH.

At the December 9, 2020 meeting of the OCOH, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, the Community Liaison on Urgent Needs, shared proposed changes to the funding request made by HSH. In advance of the December 15, 2020 meeting, the Controller's Office compiled feedback on those recommendations from members. This feedback is available [here](#). Member Jennifer Friedenbach explained how she updated the recommended changes to HSH's funding request based on the feedback that she received, with this updated set of recommendations available [here](#). Members provided additional comments and details on the proposed changes to HSH's funding request.

The Immediate Needs Liaison proposed 13 recommendations associated with HSH's funding request, as noted in the document in the prior link. The recommendations were taken out of order and grouped based on members needing to recuse themselves due to conflict and members' available time.

Recommendations #1, #11, #12, and #13

Public Comments:

- There was a public comment from Wesley [inaudible], policy member of Glide. Wesley

thanked the members for their service and commitment to Prop C, thanked the Community Liaison on Urgent Needs in engaging and gathering feedback from the community, and stated that Prop C is a people's initiative and must be spent on its intended use.

- There was a public comment from Kristin Evans, a small business owner. Kristin stated that she was one of the proponents for Prop C and on the Our City Our Home Coalition. Kristin expressed her interest to only fund phases 1 and 2 of HSH's SIP rehousing plan. She expressed concerns with HSH handling of the SIP hotels process. Prop C is a people's initiative and must be spent on its intended use including beds for our neighbors.
- There was a public comment from Brian Edwards from the Coalition of Homelessness. Brian expressed his approval to only support phases 1 and 2 of HSH's SIP rehousing plan. Brian thanked the departments for taking input from the community. Brian stated that we should not abandon people in the safe sleeping sites.
- There was a public comment from a member of the public. He stated that funds should be used on housing and not be redirected to other purposes. He stated that the City should look into other low-cost housing options.

Voting Process:

- Member Jennifer Friedenbach motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #1: Fund only phase 1 & 2 housing exits costs in year 1 in this current recommendation. Allow the department to provide additional data later to justify further release of funds,*** and Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 5 (Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra)

No votes: 3 (Member Brett Andrews, Member Shaun Haines, Member Ken Reggio)

Members absent from vote: 1 (Chair Shanell Williams)

Motion passed.

- Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #11: Fund the current year (FY20-21) cost of extending leases and contracts at SIP hotels according to the revised rehousing plan; however revisit the FY21-22 SIP extension costs once additional information is available regarding FEMA and additional federal stimulus as possible alternative sources of funding for this cost,*** and Member Jennifer Friedenbach seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 8 (Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 1 (Chair Shanell Williams)

Motion passed.

- Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #12: Ensure all referrals for housing assistance among guests in hotels are provided by HSH***

before the start of Phase 1 to minimize delays in placement, and Member Jennifer Friedenbach seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 8 (Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 1 (Chair Shanell Williams)

Motion passed.

- Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #13: Ensure those outside of SIP hotels, including in Safe Sleep, those in need of storage, those who are document ready in Coordinated Entry, and others in need, are not forgotten during the pandemic,*** and Member Shaun Haines seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 8 (Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 1 (Chair Shanell Williams)

Motion passed.

Recommendations #9 and #10

Public Comments: No public comments.

Voting Process:

- Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #9: Fund the extension of Safe Sleep program, but do not fund the extension and revenue losses for emergency shelters (Moscone West and RV Site) using OCOH funds; recommend the department/MYR/BOS use other sources for this cost. City to cover existing programs with alternative sources, if no alternative sources are identified and the program is at risk, Prop C funds may be used,*** and Member Ken Reggio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 7 (Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 2 (Member Brett Andrews, Member Lena Miller)

Motion passed.

- Member Jennifer Friedenbach motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #10: Recommend department/MYR/BOS use OCOH Administration allocation and/or other sources for provider pay equity costs proposed by HSH; recommends not to use OCOH programmatic funds for this cost,*** and Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 4 (Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun

Haines, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 2 (Member Julie Leadbetter, Ken Reggio)

Members absent from vote: 3 (Member Brett Andrews, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra)

Motion failed. This recommendation was not adopted.

Recess was taken at 1:18 pm and the meeting resumed at 3 pm.

Recommendations #3, #5, #6, and #7

Public Comments:

There was a public comment from Mary Kate from Compass Family Services. Mary Kate expressed her support for the flex pool program for families. Mary Kate stated that the one size fits all approach doesn't work for all populations, and that we need a diverse array of housing options for people. While rapid rehousing works for a lot of people, it is not enough to meet the level of need a lot of families are experiencing.

Voting Process:

- Member Jennifer Friedenbach motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #3: Move 150 rapid rehousing subsidies over to the flex pool, re-evaluate RRH moving into phase 3 and 4***, and Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 7 (Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Member Ken Reggio, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 2 (Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Cynthia Nagendra)

Motion passed.

- Member Brett Andrews motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #5: Add 25 Flex Pool subsidies for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Bayview who do not reside in SIP hotels, prioritizing African American individuals for these slots***, and Member Ken Reggio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 7 (Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Member Ken Reggio, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 2 (Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Cynthia Nagendra)

Motion passed.

- Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #6: Change 20 TAY RRH slots to TAY Flex Pool subsidies***, and Member Ken Reggio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 7 (Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Member Ken Reggio, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 2 (Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Cynthia Nagendra)

Motion passed.

- Member Jennifer Friedenbach motioned to adopt **Recommendation #7: Add 50 Flex Pool subsidies for Families who do not reside in SIP hotels**, and Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 7 (Member Brett Andrews, Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Member Ken Reggio, Shanell Williams)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 2 (Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Cynthia Nagendra)

Motion passed.

Recommendations #2, #4, and #8

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Voting Process:

- Member Ken Reggio motioned to approve **Recommendation #2: Fund problem solving at the level requested by HSH for the phase 1 and 2**, and Member Lena Miller seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 6 (Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 1 (Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio)

Members absent from vote: 2 (Member Brett Andrews, Member Julie Leadbetter)

Motion passed.

- Member Jennifer Friedenbach motioned to approve **Recommendation #4: Add workforce development to Adult RRH program [by augmenting Paid Training Options for Job Seekers through additions to the Flexible Employment Pool for Earn & Learn Training]**, and Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 7 (Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 2 (Member Brett Andrews, Member Julie Leadbetter)

Motion passed.

- Member Jennifer Friedenbach motioned to adopt **Recommendation #8: Recommend the Homekey grant match uses alternative funding sources and only uses OCOH funds as last resort**, and Member Lena Miller seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 7 (Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 0

Members absent from vote: 2 (Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Brett Andrews)

Motion passed.

- 4) **Committee to discuss Department of Public Health proposal for immediate funding needs to support behavioral health services and summary feedback on recommendations regarding the proposal from the Community Liaison on Urgent Needs, and possible action by the Committee in response to this item.**

Recommendation #14

Public Comments: No Public Comments

Voting Process:

- Member Jennifer Friedenbach motioned to adopt ***Recommendation #14: Recommend to delay releasing the Board reserve to fund the DPH Behavioral Health requests with the exception of funding for beds to allow time for further input and development of strategy; request department to bring back immediate needs request for FY20-21 after additional analysis*** and Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio seconded that motion. Roll call was taken for the vote.

Yes votes: 5 (Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Chair Shanell Williams)

No votes: 1 (Member Ken Reggio)

Members absent from vote: 3 (Member Brett Andrews, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller)

Motion passed.

- 5) **Committee to propose agenda items for January 19, 2021 regular meeting or subsequent meetings, and possible action by the Committee in response to this item.**

Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio would like to add the liaison assignments and changes to the Bylaws to the list for future agenda items.

Member Cynthia Nagendra would like to add an update about the system working group and framework process to the list for future agenda items.

Member Ken Reggio would like to add the HSH current plan on its activities and future pipeline of properties to the list for future agenda items.

No Public Comments.

Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was taken, and the following members voted in agreement to adjourn the meeting: Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams. Committee Members Absent from the Vote: Member Brett Andrews, Member Lena Miller

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.