

MEETING MINUTES
Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee Meeting
April 20, 2021
9:34 AM – 12:57 PM

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1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am.

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

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

Item #2 was taken out of order and called after item #8.

No public comment.

3) Discussion by the Committee regarding a general overview and member priorities for the FY21-22 and FY22-23 Investment Plan.

Chair Williams called on members to share general comments or priorities regarding the proposed FY21-22 and FY22-23 Investment Plan.

Member Julie Leadbetter discussed her interest in increasing the amount of funding allocated to fund and committee administration. Member Leadbetter moved to add \$1 million per year to the \$2.5 million allocated through the fund balance projections for OCOH administration. The motion was not seconded. Discussion included the need to rebalance all other fund categories if additional allocations are made to administration, and the need to provide specific budget proposals to the Controller's Office to determine how the additional funding should be used.

Member Brett Andrews requested postponing the discussion on Item 9: Mental Health proposals due to changes to the proposal by other members after he prepared it. The Controller's Office also requested a continuance to allow additional time to discuss specific eligibility issues within the proposal. Member Jennifer Friedenbach and Data Officer Cynthia

Nagendra explained and clarified the changes made to the [OCOH Behavioral Health Summary 4.19.21 DRAFT](#) document. The Chair continued item 9 to a special meeting to be scheduled within the week.

Laura Marshall, Controller's Office staff, explained that she distributed a survey on behalf of the Investment Planning Group. She stated that there weren't any specific questions raised through that survey that needed to be addressed during this item, and that the feedback related to the investment plan development has been shared to Tipping Point, which is drafting the investment plan narrative.

There was a public comment from a Spanish speaker who stated through an interpreter that funds should go to families in her community. There are 5 people in her household, and they are all living in one small room. The rent in San Francisco is expensive, which prevents her from moving a more suitable place.

There was a public comment from Catalina. Her family shares the bathrooms and kitchen with other families. She lives in a very small space and it has been very difficult. She stated that the Prop C money should not be used to fund existing programs that the City has already in place.

There was a public comment from Kristen Evans, a proponent of Prop C. She wanted to reiterate that Prop C money should be used in the content of the legal text approved by the voters. There was a lot of time in crafting that legal text of Prop C. The recommendations need to be consistent to the legal text. She stated that we have to be honest and truthful.

There was a public comment from Steve who stated that it would be helpful to the public to share documents that are being discussed, specifically the documents being discussed earlier that showed conflicts between members.

There was a public comment from a Spanish speaker who stated through an interpreter that her name was Carmen. Carmen is a single mother of 3 children who currently lives in a residential hotel. She would like funding to help families like hers. She wants the City to move forward with funding permanent solutions. She stated that Prop C money should not be used to fund programs that the City has already in place.

There was a public comment [name inaudible] from a member of the public who reminded the members that Prop C funds should go to supports families.

There was a public comment Diana Flores, Director of Organizing Programs at Dolores Street Community Services. She wanted to voice the importance and the intent of Prop C, and the need for permanent housing solutions. She commented favorably on the many liaison meetings that occurred that were used to gather feedback from the community.

There was a public comment from a Chinese speaker who stated through an interpreter that affordable housing inventory is limited and that the City should increase the minimum requirements so that more can qualify.

There was a public comment from a single mother of 3. Her family has been living in small rooms until a placement into one of the City's housing units. Before then, her family was not able to make meals at home and have friends over. She stated that many families are hurting and there needs to be more money allocated to housing.

There was a public comment from a Spanish speaker who stated through an interpreter that Prop C funds should be used to help people who are living on the streets and/or about to lose their homes. Prop C funds should be used to support additional families. This is the 3rd time that she has been homeless, and homelessness is a recurring problem.

There was a public comment from a San Francisco native who lives in the Western Edition. She has not been receiving the services she needs. She stated that the programs that are in place are not working for her. She supports Prop C for new permanent solutions.

There was a public comment from Martha Ryan of Homeless Prenatal Program who advocated for permanent solutions. She stated that Prop C funds should be used to support families and new housing construction and hotels are no places for kids to be raised. She advocated for permanent housing for families with the amenities that families need such as bathrooms and kitchens. She also stated that if there is funding left over that the funds should be used in the current year.

There was a public comment from a Chinese speaker who stated through an interpreter, stated that she immigrated to the USA over 7 years ago. She and her husband live in a very small space in Chinatown with their 6-year-old daughter. Since she is caring for her daughter, she is unable to work. She stated that on behalf of her community, she is requesting that funding be allocated to support families like hers and for the City to lower to requirements to access housing.

There was a public comment from David Elliot Lewis. He stated that public engagement is limited, and WebEx is currently setup to limit participation. The chat option is disabled, the public cannot see the participant list, questions are not being taking, and the video of the public is deactivated. He requested that WebEx be setup so that the public can fully participate. He stated that other committees have the same limitations. He supports using the Prop C funds as written in the legal text.

4) Discussion and Action by the Committee on Adult Housing Investments proposed in the FY21-22 and FY22-23 Investment Plan

Member Ken Reggio walked through the Adult Housing Investment section of the [OCOH Permanent Housing Table 4.19.21 DRAFT](#) posted on the OCOH [website](#).

Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio stated that a 3% inflation rate on operating costs feels high in her opinion. Member Ken Reggio stated that due to salary increases and inflation in the surrounding area, 3% is conservative.

There was a public comment from David Elliot Lewis. Resources are scare so there needs to be cost-effective solutions which include purchasing housing that is already built and prefab housing that can be brought on site which is less expensive.

Member Friedenbach motioned to recommend the City prioritize geographic diversity and tourist and student housing with in-suite bathrooms and kitchenettes or ability to convert to studios in order to expand dignified housing stock for unhoused impoverished people. Vice Chair D'Antonio seconded.

Yes votes: 8 - Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams.

No votes: 0

Members recused from vote: 1 - Member Julie Leadbetter

Motion passes.

Member Reggio motioned to recommend the adult housing investment proposals as shared excluding items for Flex Pool. Vice Chair D'Antonio seconded the motion.

Yes votes: 8 - Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams.

No votes: 0

Members recused from vote: 1 - Member Julie Leadbetter

Motion passes.

Chair Shanell Williams motioned to recommend the adult flex pool investment proposals as shared.

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

No votes: 0

Members recused from vote: 2 - Member Julie Leadbetter, and Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra

Motion passes.

**5) Discussion and Action by the Committee on Family Housing Investments proposed in the FY21-22 and FY22-23 Investment Plan
AND
Discussion and Action by the Committee on Youth Housing Investments proposed in the FY21-22 and FY22-23 Investment Plan**

Chair Williams combined items 5 and 6 for discussion, public comment and voting.

There was a public comment from a Chinese speaker who stated through an interpreter requesting that funding be allocated to families living in SROs. [commented during item 4]

There was a public comment from a Chinese speaker who stated through an interpreter that her family of 3 is currently living in a small SRO. Her family has to share bathrooms and the kitchen with other family members. Her daughter has to wait 10-15 minutes to use the bathroom before she goes to school. She stated that her unit is near the shared bathroom so it's very disruptive for her family. She requested funds be allocated to support SRO families like hers.

There was a public comment from a Chinese speaker who stated through an interpreter that her family of 6 is currently living in a small SRO. Her family has to share bathrooms and the kitchen with other family members. She stated that all of her family members eat and do homework on their beds. Her husband has to sleep on the floor. Due to the poor condition of

the space, her sons have skin issues. She requested that the funds go to support SRO families like hers.

There was a public comment from a Chinese speaker who stated through an interpreter that her family of 3 has been living in various SRO units since immigrating to the USA. She stated that the housing cost is beyond what they can afford. They had to move to different SRO units because of harassment by her neighbors. She explained that the conditions did not improve when she moved. There are bugs and the air quality is poor in their current unit. She requested that the funds go to support SRO families like hers.

There was a public comment from David Elliot Lewis. He stated people should have a dignified way of living which should include cooking facilities and bathrooms.

There was a public comment from a Chinese speaker who stated through an interpreter that her family of 5 has been living in an SRO unit for 16 years since immigrating to the USA in 2004. Her son asks how long he has to wait to have his own bed. She stated that she is currently not qualified for housing programs. She stated that there are health concerns due to COVID. She requested that funds be allocated to support SRO families and requested additional subsidies for families like hers.

There was a public comment from a member of the public [name inaudible], Deputy Direct at the Center of Juvenile and Criminal Justice. She strongly expressed support for housing stabilization funds and support for justice involved women and their children.

There was a public comment from Rebecca Jackson, a service provider. She supports stabilization funds for justice involved women and their children. It is important that funds are allocated to them so that they have a chance to break the cycle. They need time to get back on their feet, and it's important to keep mothers and children together.

Member Ken Reggio walked through the Family Housing and Youth Housing Investment sections of the [OCOH Permanent Housing Table 4.19.21 DRAFT](#) posted on the OCOH [website](#).

Member Friedenbach motioned to recommend that all acquisitions for family housing include some larger units and in any acquisitions that they be at least 2/3 vacant so that homeless families can move into them. Vice Chair D'Antonio seconded the motion.

Yes votes: 8 - Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams.

No votes: 0

Members recused from vote: 1 - Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra

Motion passes.

Member Friedenbach stated that [row 32](#) in the file should include "new construction" as well as acquisition. She also indicated that where there are mention of families, the document should also add "pregnant people."

Member Friedenbach motioned to recognize pregnant people and individuals preparing to have a child, if legally allowable, as families as it relates to this section. Vice Chair D'Antonio seconded the motion.

Yes votes: 8 - Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams.

No votes: 0

Members recused from vote: 1 - Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra

Motion passes.

Member Reggio motioned to approve the recommendations for Family and Youth Housing as presented. Member Friedenbach seconded.

Yes votes: 8 - Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams.

No votes: 0

Members recused from vote: 1 - Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra

Motion passes.

7) Discussion and Action by the Committee on Prevention Investments proposed in the FY21-22 and FY22-23 Investment Plan

Data Officer Nagendra walked through the [OCOH Prevention Table 4.19.21 for Vote DRAFT](#) posted on the OCOH [website](#), explaining that the focus of the proposal is on a targeted approach to prevention, longer duration of subsidies, and using a more flexible strategy.

There was a public comment from Wesley, Policy Manager for Glide. He supports funding these prevention priorities especially those investments for the targeted homeless population and eviction prevention. He shared that 69% of Glide clients are homeless or marginally housed. He has seen declining health in Glide clients. 140 households are behind on rent and clients are facing difficult choices. An integrated program is vital for reducing the total number of homeless people. Please fund these activities.

There was a public comment from Steve Culbertson, Deputy Director Swords to Plowshares. He thanked the Committee for including veterans and stated 305 veterans will benefit from these services.

Data Officer Nagendra motioned to recommend all prevention investment proposals as shared. Member Reggio seconded the motion.

Yes votes: 8 - Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Lena Miller, Member Ken Reggio, Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra, and Chair Shanell Williams.

No votes: 0

Members recused from vote: 1 - Member Julie Leadbetter

Motion passes.

8) Discussion and Action by the Committee on Shelter Investments proposed in the FY21-22 and FY22-23 Investment Plan

Member Jennifer Friedenbach walked through the [OCOH Shelter Table 4.19.21 DRAFT](#) posted on the OCOH [website](#).

No Public Comment

Member Jennifer Friedenbach motioned to approve the shelter and hygiene investment recommendations as presented, and Member Julie Leadbetter seconded the motion.

Yes votes: 8 - Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams.

No votes: 0

Members recused from vote: 1 - Member Lena Miller

Motion passes.

9) Discussion and Action by the Committee on Mental Health Investments proposed in the FY21-22 and FY22-23 Investment Plan

Item 9 tabled to next meeting.

10) Committee to propose agenda items for subsequent meetings, and possible action by the Committee in response to this item.

Item 10 tabled to next meeting.

Member Ken Reggio motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, and the motion was unanimously approved by Member Brett Andrews, Vice Chair Julia D'Antonio, Member Jennifer Friedenbach, Member Shaun Haines, Member Julie Leadbetter, Member Lena Miller, Data Officer Cynthia Nagendra, Member Ken Reggio, and Chair Shanell Williams.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.