

MEETING MINUTES
Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee Meeting
July 20, 2021
9:36 AM – 11:33 AM

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1) **Call to Order/Roll Call.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM

Roll Call:

Member Andrews: Present
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Joined late
Member Friedenbach: Present
Member Haines: Present
Member Leadbetter: Present
Member Miller: Absent
Member Reggio: Present
Chair Williams: Present

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

There was a public comment from Wesley Saver, Policy Manager at GLIDE. The caller thanked the Committee for developing thoughtful recommendations and for working to fulfill the promise of the proposition. Hopes to see additional transparency through easy to understand, publicly available dashboards.

3) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Approval, with possible modification, of the Minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting and June 25, 2021 special meeting.

Member Friedenbach made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15th, 2021 and June 25th, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair D'Antonio.

There were no public comments.

Roll Call:

Member Andrews: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Haines: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: absent

Member Reggio: Yes

Chair Williams: Yes

4) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Updates on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) acquisition, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Dan Adams, Senior Advisor to Mayor Breed for Housing Initiatives (MYR), presented slides updating the Committee on PSH acquisitions (linked here).

Member Friedenbach asked whether the search for acquisition is limited to the Shelter in Place (SIP) hotels, or includes other buildings? And whether the City is leveraging other funding opportunities, both to maximize the Fund and to reach the ambitious targets of new units added? Dan Adams (MYR) said that the SIP hotels are a component of the acquisition strategy, but the City is looking at other properties. Currently the City has non-binding Letters of Interest (LOIs) with one SIP hotel and 4 non-SIP properties. That ratio (20% SIP) is expected to continue. Mr. Adams reported that the City is aiming to acquire 800-1,000 units, and if it is possible to leverage State money, then that number could go up.

Vice Chair D'Antonio asked where the properties under consideration are located? And, as the City is considering properties, what factors are prioritized? Mr. Adams (MYR) responded that geographic equity is a challenge because much of the multifamily housing and hotel stock of scale is located primarily in District 6, some in District 3 and some in District 5. However, the City will be proactive in looking for property in other Districts. Mr. Adams (MYR) said that the City's acquisition process is guided by the funding allocations set out in Prop C and by the Committee's work. Specifically, he mentioned the Committee's focus on finding diverse solutions to meet diverse geographic and programmatic needs.

Member Reggio asked about the timeline for bringing units online? Mr. Adams (MYR) said he expects some units to come online in the spring (2022). The City is looking to stagger the onboarding timeline to support timely lease up processes, the demobilization of COVID response, and provider capacity. Purchased SIP hotels may be used to support the demobilization of existing SIP hotels, which would mean that units would come online later as PSH. Any rehab work may also delay renting up new PSH. Mr. Adams said he wants to build in some flexibility on closing dates to be competitive for state funds. Member Reggio asked about the status and the strategy of working with non-profit developers to identify and acquire family units. Mr. Adams (MYR) reported working with developers via the Mayor's Office on Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) and family housing is the most difficult to acquire.

There were no public comments.

5) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Presentation of the proposed FY 2021-2022 Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee work plan, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Jessica Shimmin, Controller's Office (CON), presented slides describing the needs assessment and racial equity impact assessment that took place in Alameda County, California during fiscal year 2019-2020.

Vice Chair D'Antonio asked about the meaning of rapid resolution? Jessica Shimmin (CON) explained that system modeling requires that communities define their ideal programs and what is included based on the needs of the population of people experiencing homeless. Vice Chair D'Antonio asked about the Dedicated Affordable Housing intervention. Ms. Shimmin said that this project type was designed to provide a deep subsidy, but without intensive support services.

Member Leadbetter commented that in her experience of the system modeling project in Alameda County, California, the focus groups and feedback from people with lived expertise changed what Government and Community Based partners understood to be possible. She said this is one reason to develop and infrastructure to support the voices and leadership of people with lived expertise.

Member Andrews said that seeing the overrepresentation of Black, African Americans, and People of Color is a reminder of how systemic racism is. For this reason, he said, prevention is an important way of closing the spigot—the inflow into homelessness—and disrupting the cycle of poverty and homelessness. He said he is eager to explore preventative interventions and then ways to apply more dignity to the fullness of the lives of formerly homeless people now in housing.

Jessica Shimmin (CON) continued the presentation by walking the Committee through slides that summarize and plot a timeline for the work streams that the OCOH Oversight Committee has expressed interest in pursuing during the coming fiscal year 2021-2022.

Member Leadbetter said she felt someone made a plan for the Committee. She asked to hear from the Chairs about their thinking around the work plan. She also asked to revisit and map the Committee's liaison structure to the workplan. She said that it feels like what was presented was the City's workplan and wants to infuse it with the Committee's vision for oversight and collective impact.

Chair Williams thanked Member Leadbetter and said the workplan incorporates much of what the Committee discussed, and there is a need to revisit the liaison structure as the OCOH work shifts going forward.

Vice Chair D'Antonio said she sees the workplan as a canvas the Committee can layer on. She wondered about seeing the workstreams all together, to understand how they fit together. She asked what "Administrative Data Analysis" includes? Ms. Shimmin (CON) responded that Administrative Data is data collected in the administration of services, which can provide insight into how different interventions are working. Vice Chair D'Antonio asked for the Committee to add metrics of their own. She also asked to add the Public Housing Authority among the systems with a stake in ending homelessness. Paying people with lived experience of homelessness for their data is important, and Vice Chair D'Antonio said she would like to see the community engagement process start sooner and explore methods of engagement beyond focus groups.

Member Friedenbach said she has seen a lot of fake community processes and has heard from a lot of people that the OCOH community engagement process in the last year was different. She said she wants the *Revolving Door* report included in the needs assessment. She stated that the needs assessment should be completed earlier than April to inform the Mayor's budget.

Chair Williams thanked the Committee members for their input and suggested that Committee members can also submit written questions or comments to the Controller's Office Staff and/or the Chairs as they continue working to refine the work plan.

There was a public comment from Steve Weiss from Bay Area Legal Aid. The Board of Supervisors dropped an item, Civil Legal Services, from the budget. There is a great need for housing, but not enough attention paid to making that sustainable in the long term. Disability benefits advocacy really does help people transition to more stable housing. A pilot project in Alameda County has proven this, and so he hopes to see the need reassessed.

6) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Proposed agenda items for subsequent meetings and Committee updates, with possible action by the Committee in response to this item. (15 min)

This meeting was Member Haines last as a Committee Member. Member Haines said that he was grateful to serve on the OCOH Oversight Committee as a Mayoral appointee. He has accepted full

time employment and is launching a nonprofit organization. He looks forward to working together in the future.

Member Friedenbach, Member Leadbetter, and Chair Williams wished Member Haines the best of luck and thanked him for his service to the Committee.

Member Leadbetter asked for follow up on the Civil Legal Services funding and to revisit the liaison structure. Chair Williams said the budget will be the focus of the August meeting.

No public comments.

7) ***Adjourn***

Member Reggio made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Friedenbach seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Member Andrews: absent
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Haines: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: absent
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 11:33am.