

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL HEALTH, LIFE ENRICHMENT, EQUITY &
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 8, 2023
10:00 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Ben Bartlett, Sophie Hahn, and Mark Humbert
Alternate: Councilmember Terry Taplin

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AGENDA

Roll Call: 10:06 a.m.

Present: Taplin (for Bartlett), Humbert, Hahn

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 1 Speaker

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - March 13, 2023

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve the March 13, 2023 minutes.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

2. Berkeley Food Utility and Access Resilience Measure (FARM)

From: Vice Mayor Bartlett (Author), Mayor Arreguin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor)
(Item contains revised material)

Referred: January 17, 2023

Due: June 7, 2023

Recommendation: 1. Refer to the City Manager to protect the City's food supply from natural disasters and economic disruptions by facilitating and chartering a community-based non-profit organization charged with designing and implementing an integrated local food production and distribution system for Berkeley.
2. Refer to the City Manager and the Office of Economic Development to design and offer economic incentives for non-profits, agricultural producers, and small businesses to partner with the City of Berkeley in support of the FARM.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Councilmember Bartlett joined and Councilmember Hahn exited the meeting for the consideration of Item 2 at 10:13 a.m. due to Brown Act participation rules.

Action: 2 speakers. M/S/C (Bartlett/Taplin) to send the item to Council with a positive recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes.

Councilmember Hahn joined and Councilmember Taplin exited the meeting after the consideration of Item 2 at 11:07 a.m. due to Brown Act participation rules.

**3. Referral Response: Responsible Psychedelic Drug Policy Reform in Berkeley
From: Community Health Commission**

Referred: April 10, 2023

Due Date: September 28, 2023

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution that refers to the City Manager a program to: a) work with external organizations providing psychedelic harm reduction, education, and support resources to the Berkeley Community, b) work with City Departments and external organizations to create, and return to the City Council with a policy for collecting public health data on psychedelic drug use in the City, and c) deprioritizes the enforcement of laws that impose criminal penalties for the possession of psychedelic drugs for personal use (with the exception of Peyote), and laws that impose criminal penalties for the cultivation, processing, and preparation of psychedelic-containing plants and fungi for personal use (with the exception of Peyote).

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Roberto Terrones, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5400

Action: 4 speakers. Discussion held. Item continued to the next meeting.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

None

Items for Future Agendas

None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Bartlett) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity, & Community Committee meeting held on May 8, 2023.

Neetu Salwan, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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