



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee

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Friday, September 29, 2023

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Special Meeting

Present: 3 - Hillary Ronen, Rafael Mandelman, and Shamann Walton

The Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee met in special session, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone, on Friday, September 29, 2023, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Ronen, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Member Walton were noted present. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Stephanie Cabrera, Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public, when general public comment is called, to contribute live comments for up to two minutes in-person or by dialing the provided telephone number. In-person public comment will be taken before remote public comment is called.

*(Those who are providing public comment remotely must dial * 3 to be added to the remote queue to speak. Written comments may be submitted through email (stephanie.cabrera@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.)*

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

230974 [Sublease Agreement - California State Lands Commission - Candlestick Point State Recreation Area - Vehicle Triage Center - Base Rent of \$312,000]

Sponsor: Mayor

Resolution authorizing and approving the Director of Property, on behalf of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, to negotiate and enter into a sublease agreement for 312,000 square feet of property owned by the California State Lands Commission and leased to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, for the City's continued use as the Bayview Vehicle Triage Center at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, for a term of two years commencing on or about January 13, 2024, through January 12, 2026, for a base rent of \$312,000 per year; authorizing the Director of Property to execute documents, make certain modifications and take certain actions in furtherance of the sublease; affirming findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; and finding the proposed sublease is in conformance with the General Plan, and the eight priorities of Planning Code, Section 101.1. (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing) (Fiscal Impact)

09/12/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee.

09/21/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department for informational purposes and requesting a CEQA determination.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Emily Cohen (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Analyst Office); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Lil Kelly; Charles Keener; Mark Gotti; Oswaldo; Olga; Juana Ramos; Javier Bremond (Coalition on Homelessness); Nadal King and Otis Hughes (Urban Alchemy); Lewis Reed (Vehicle Triage Center); Keisha Escadero, Craig Martin, and Pamela Gilmore (Bayview Hunters Point Foundation for Community Improvement); Joi Jackson Morgan (3rd Street Youth Center Clinic); Jessie Kotowski and Jennifer Freidenbach (Housing Action Coalition); spoke in support of the hearing matter. Timothy Allen Simon, President, and William (Candlestick Heights Community Alliance); Russel Morine; Speaker; Speaker; Francisco Da Costa; Speaker; spoke in opposition of the hearing matter.

The Committee requested the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to report to the Board of Supervisors on the costs and benefits of lower cost service models to operate vehicle triage centers by June 2024, as part of the Department's budget proposal.

Member Walton moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Mandelman, Walton

230519 [Hearing - Homeless and Supportive Housing's Strategic Plan]

Sponsors: Ronen; Mandelman

Hearing on the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's Strategic Plan, to understand how the department prepares its approach to homelessness as far as available beds in the system whether permanent or temporary, the number of available openings on the waitlist for each program, how the department maintains its coordinated entry system with the number of individuals awaiting for housing and those who do not qualify for housing, and how the impact of the strategic plan's implementation will have on street conditions over the next five years; and requesting the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to report.

05/02/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee.

05/10/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Youth Commission for informational purposes and requesting the commission's recommendation.

05/16/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing for informational purposes and requesting the department to report.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Shireen McSpadden, Director (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Francisco Da Costa; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Mandelman, Walton

230079 [Hearing - Plans to Implement CARE Court]

Sponsors: Mandelman; Ronen and Safai

Hearing on plans to implement the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court by October 1, 2023; and requesting the Department of Public Health, Superior Court, and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to present.

01/24/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

01/27/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Public Health, Superior Court, and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing for informational purposes.

04/10/23; TRANSFERRED to Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee.

04/28/23; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Angelica Almeida (Behavioral Health); Noelle Simmons (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Roberto Evangelista (Public Defender); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Yolanda Gonzalez; Carolyn Kenady (Rescue SF); Marline Morgan; Richard Perina; John Parker (Rescue SF); Fred Winograd; Charles Head, President (Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods); Paulina Fayer; Eleana Binder (Glide Center for Social Justice); Deborah Dacumos; Laura Thomas (San Francisco AIDS Foundation); Jessica Lehman, Executive Director (Senior and Disability Action); Sara Shortt (Treatment on Demand Coalition); Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Angelica Almeida, PhD (Department Public Health); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. John Parker; Carolyn Kenady (Rescue SF); Teya Patel; Ashlynn Ferguson; Caloni Janeza; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Vice Chair Mandelman moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Mandelman, Walton

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee adjourned at the hour of 1:05 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.