

MEETING MINUTES

Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

January 27, 2022

9:37 AM – 11:32 AM

Committee Members

Brett Andrews

Nina Catalano

Michelle Cunningham Denning

Julia D'Antonio

Jennifer Friedenbach

Julie Leadbetter

Lena Miller

Ken Reggio

Shanell Williams

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**

Call to order

Roll Call:

Member Andrews: Present

Member Catalano: Present

Member Cunningham Denning: Present

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent

Member Friedenbach: Present

Member Leadbetter: Present

Member Miller: Present

Member Reggio: Present

Chair Williams: Present

Quorum confirmed.

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

Wesley Saver, Senior Policy Manager at Glide made a public comment. He said the Billie Holiday Center was developed without community input. He said he is concerned that the Billie Holiday Center is not the low threshold navigation center that was promised to the Community.

Suman Magdinelli, a resident of District 8 made a public comment. He asked if Our City, Our Home Fund is being used in the Tenderloin Emergency Response. The caller asked that the Fund be used to provide shelter, harm reduction, mental health supports, and permanent housing.

Mary Kate Bacalao, Director of External Affairs and Policy at Compass Family Services made a public comment. She asked the Committee to hold City Departments accountable to implementing the spending plan and getting funds under contract. She noted a need for beds and services and asked how much of the funding allocated has been spent? She said she would like the flexible housing subsidies for families to be implemented.

Chair Williams introduced new appointees, Michelle Cunningham Denning and Nina Catalano.

[Member Cunningham Denning](#) is the program manager at the Taja Coalition, serving the gender diverse community in the Bay Area. Looks forward to expanding the perspectives on the Committee and representing the interests of the LGBTQIA community.

[Member Catalano](#) brings personal and professional passion for the intersection of affordable housing and behavioral health. She works for Tipping Point Community on the Chronic Homelessness Initiative.

Due to technical difficulties, Officer Leadbetter briefly chaired the meeting. Chair Williams returned in time to vote on agenda item 3.

- 3) Action Item:
Approval, with possible modification, of the Minutes of the December 2, 2021 Special Meeting.

Member Reggio made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021 Special Meeting. Member Friedenbach seconded the motion.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes
Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham Denning: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

- 4) Action Item:
Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

RESOLVED, That the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee finds as follows:

The State of California and the City remain in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.

State and City officials continue to recommend measures to promote physical distancing and other social distancing measures, in some settings.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings of this body in person would present imminent risks to the safety of attendees, and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That for at least the next 30 days meetings of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee will continue to occur exclusively by teleconferencing technology (and not by any in-person meetings or any other meetings with public access to the places where any policy body member is present for the meeting). Such meetings of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee that occur by teleconferencing technology will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address this body and will otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and the members of the public attending the meeting via teleconferencing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary and staff of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee is directed to place a resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee within the next 30 days. If the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee does not meet within the next 30 days, the staff is directed to place a such resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Member Friedenbach made a motion to approve the resolution. Member Catalano seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes
Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham Denning: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

5) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Presentation from the Controller's Office on Our City, Our Home Fund revenue and Fund balances, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Carol Lu, Citywide Revenue Manager in the Budget Analysis Division of the Controller's Office, presented on the Our City, Our Home Fund revenue collection. Slides from the presentation are available [here](#).

Carol Lu (CON) said that the Controller's Office is projecting tax revenues collected will be lower—roughly \$40 million lower--than budgeted in both the current and next fiscal years. She explained how the Homeless Gross Receipts Tax is collected, and the factors that impacted revenue collection, such as the increase in remote work. The single source of revenue collection exposes the Fund to greater volatility. Savings in the fund will offset the shortfall without impacting implementation plans.

Member Reggio asked for clarification: working remotely for a San Francisco based company does not count

as San Francisco employment? Carol Lu (CON) said that it depends on how aggressive the company is in pursuing different localities of payroll tax. Some businesses use employee's VPN activity to figure out how much of workers time is spent outside San Francisco. It does go both ways, with San Francisco collecting payroll tax on residents working from home.

Member Andrews suggested that outflow of payroll tax from San Francisco is likely greater than inflow.

Member Friedenbach said that it would be helpful to be able to see what Our City, Our Home Fund has been fully implemented. She said the Committee should look at ongoing spending versus one time to support informed recommendations. Collecting community input early will be helpful.

Member Catalano thanked the Controller's Office for the analysis. She said there is an opportunity to act from a place of abundance and to plan thoughtfully.

Officer Leadbetter said that the revenue shortfall presents an opportunity to look at relationship between OCOH, State and Federal resources. She thanked the callers for their public comments and asked staff to look into whether the OCOH Fund is being used in the Tenderloin Emergency Response.

Jessica Shimmin, of the Controller's Office, said that the February OCOH Oversight Committee meeting will focus on spending and capacity added to the system.

Member Miller asked how and if the surplus in the Governors' budget will come to San Francisco? Perhaps these funds, which are often very restricted, can be used to offset shortfalls without giving up on the strategies in the investment plan.

Chair Williams said she plans to have that, fuller, conversation next month.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

6) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Community Liaison Workplans with Discussion and Possible Action By the Committee

Jessica Shimmin (CON) presented a timeline and key dates in the budget and recommendation process. These were developed in conversation with the Mayor's Budget Office, Chair Williams, and Vice Chair D'Antonio. Slides from this presentation are available [here](#), beginning with slide 20.

Member Leadbetter thanked the Mayor's Office for the budget extension. She said that it will be important to look at how the Committee gets community input with the changed timeline. She requests that Departments are clear in their requests for reallocation so the Committee can understand if there are big opportunities.

Member Catalano confirmed that the Committee will know how much of the budget has been implemented and outcomes associated at the February 24th meeting.

Member Friedenbach said she would like to have focus groups during February to create a foundation for bigger meetings in March. She would like to know what participants think about new program models added to the system.

Member Leadbetter asked whether staff have capacity to outreach to stakeholders. Jessica Shimmin (CON) said that the Controller's Office has lists from last year's process.

Member Andrews presented the Behavioral Health Liaison workplan (slide 28). He will look to planned community engagement opportunities for input on long term goals and outcomes as well as barriers to access and ongoing engagement. Member Andrews raised challenges for recruiting and retaining a strong workforce.

Officer Leadbetter presented the Diversion and Prevention Liaison Workplan (slides 29-30).

Member Friedenbach said it would be good to understand the full picture of funding for homelessness prevention from State and Federal sources.

Officer Leadbetter presented the Lived Expertise Program Workplan (slides 31-32).

Member Reggio presented an update on permanent housing and pipeline activities. He has been meeting with community stakeholders to identify ways to quickly and cost effectively bring permanent housing into the homeless response system.

Jessica Shimmin (CON) provided a short update on the Committee's new website (sf.gov/ocoh) on behalf of the Community Impact and Engagement Liaison.

Member Friedenbach provided an update to the Committee on activities related to the emergency shelter and hygiene work. She reported that most of the shelter investment plan is in place and operating, benefitting people experiencing homelessness. She also said that 711 Post is being proposed as a new non-congregate shelter site. It was a youth hostel. It provides a mix of shared and private rooms as well as community space on each floor. The project will be heard at an upcoming Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee.

Member Miller said that the key to ending street homelessness is creating options that people feel good about. Member Miller applauded San Francisco for trying new models to address the crisis.

Chair Williams thanked the Liaisons for their continued work on behalf of the Committee.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

7) Action Item:

Resolution on Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) published a report in 2007, Discrimination by Omission: Issues of Concern for Native Americans in San Francisco, detailing the ways in which Native American communities experience systemic erasure and exclusion in San Francisco and identifying numerous recommendations for improved outcomes, a process which was guided by members of Native American Communities, including the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples; and

WHEREAS, The Our City, our Home Oversight Committee (OCOH Oversight Committee) joins with HRC in acknowledging that the Ramaytush Ohlone are the original peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, The OCOH Oversight Committee joins with HRC in acknowledging that the area comprising the City and County of San Francisco was originally inhabited by the Yelamu, an independent tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples; and

WHEREAS, The OCOH Oversight Committee joins with HRC in acknowledging that the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone has actively worked to research, expand public awareness of, and preserve Ohlone history and culture; and

WHEREAS, The OCOH Oversight Committee joins with HRC in acknowledging that the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples have survived the brutalities of colonialism, enslavement, genocide, discrimination, racism, gender-based violence, theft, forced assimilation, and other atrocities driven by local, federal, and global governments; and

WHEREAS, The OCOH Oversight Committee joins with HRC in acknowledging that Ramaytush Ohlone peoples are not a mythical population of the past, but an integral and active community in the present San Francisco Bay Area region, and beyond, whose ongoing exclusion and invisibility threaten the greater Native American community's inclusion and respect in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The OCOH Oversight Committee joins with HRC in acknowledging that the City and Count of San Francisco was founded on unceded territory, and continues to participate in the erasure and exclusion of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples; and

WHEREAS, The OCOH Oversight Committee joins with HRC in acknowledging the truth of a land's history is a human right and demonstration of honor and respect for the contributions and sacrifices of the ancestors that inhabited and cared for this land before us; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors, HRC, and the Office of Racial Equity (ORE) have urged all boards and commissions in the City and County of San Francisco to begin each meeting with the below land acknowledgement, which was written and approved by the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, From this date forward, the OCOH Oversight Committee will join the Board of Supervisors, HRC, and other Commissions in stating the following land acknowledgement at the beginning of each OCOH Oversight Committee meeting:

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this land acknowledgement is a first step needed in acknowledging and honoring the land, culture, and contributions of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples throughout the San Francisco Bay Area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be adopted and copies of it be submitted to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, HRC, and ORE.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Member Friedenbach moved to approve the Resolution on the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement. Member Reggio seconded the motion to approve the Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Absent
Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham Denning: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Officer Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

8) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Propose Agenda Items for Subsequent Meetings, Discussion with Possible Action by the Committee in Response to This Item. (10 min)

The Chair tabled this agenda item and requested that members submit agenda items to the Chair and/or Jessica Shimmin as staff to the Committee.

9) ***Adjourn***

Chair Williams requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Member Friedenbach moved to adjourn. Member Reggio seconded the motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Absent
Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham Denning: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Officer Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 11:32AM.