

MEETING MINUTES

Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

April 28, 2022

9:33 AM – 11:30 AM

Committee Members

Brett Andrews

Nina Catalano

Michelle Cunningham-Denning

Julia D'Antonio

Jennifer Friedenbach

Julie Leadbetter

Lena Miller

Ken Reggio

Shanell Williams

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1) **Call to Order**

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:33AM.

Roll Call:

Member Andrews: Present

Member Catalano: Present

Member Cunningham-Denning: Joined late

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Present

Member Friedenbach: Present

Member Leadbetter: Joined late

Member Miller: Present

Member Reggio: Present

Chair Williams: Present

Quorum confirmed.

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement:

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.

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

A mother made a public comment with Karen Chan of Chinatown CDC interpreting. Her family of 3 live in an SRO in Chinatown with a shared kitchen and bathroom. She described long waits for cooking, showers, and bathrooms. Her child does homework at a table on top of the bed. As a parent, she said she feels ashamed that she cannot provide a better living environment for her child. She urged the Committee to set aside more funding for SRO family subsidies.

Chair Williams asked the callers to hold their comments until the Permanent Housing agenda item.

There were no other public comments on this agenda item.

3) Action Item:
Approval, with possible modification, of the Minutes of the March 21, 2022 Special Meeting, and March 24, 2022 Regular Meeting. (5 min)

Member Andrews moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 21, 2022 and the Regular meeting of March 24, 2022. Member Friedenbach provided a second on this.

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: Yes
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

4) Action Item:
Resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California government code section 54953(e).

Full text: <https://sf.gov/file/our-city-our-home-oversight-committee-findings-resolution-fully-remote-policy-bodies>

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Chair Williams called for a vote to approve the resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California government code section 54953(e).

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

5) Action Item

Presentation and Approval of Permanent Housing Recommendations by the Committee.

Chair Williams opened the agenda item with public comment because of the callers waiting (agenda item 2).

A youth provider made a public comment. The caller requested information about the Youth Bridge Housing program that begins July 1. The caller would like to see the program implemented quickly because there are youth on the streets who could benefit from this model and providers who are eager to implement.

Karen Chan of Chinatown CDC assisted four families with giving public comment.

A single father made a public comment with Karen Chan interpreting. The caller encouraged the Committee to create more rental subsidies to help families move out of SROs. He said that he suffered a stroke and has fallen when trying to get to the shared bathroom down the hall. He worries about how the small, shared SRO is impacting the mental health of his school aged daughters, particularly as they enter puberty.

A mother of three made a public comment with Karen Chan interpreting. The caller encouraged the Committee to prioritize funding for SRO families. She said she would like to work and earn enough to support her family of five. But her children are young, so she cares for them while her husband works. She said the room is noisy. The children do their homework on the floor. They cannot afford a market rate apartment. She asks the Committee to help subsidize housing for her family and others.

A mother and resident of an SRO unit in Chinatown made a public comment with Karen Chan interpreting. She asked the Committee to add funding for SRO families in the upcoming budget. She said that her two younger kids were late in learning to crawl because the SRO does not have space for them to move around. Her family of five sleep on a bunk bed with 2 people on the upper level and 3 on the bottom. Thirty households share one bathroom. There are long waits for showers and cooking. Her family was selected for an affordable housing development, but the rent was still too high. She asked the Committee to subsidize housing for SRO families.

A father and resident of an SRO unit in Chinatown made a public comment with Karen Chan interpreting. He said he is a new immigrant and cannot afford housing in the private market. He said his 12-year-old son needs more privacy as he enters adolescence. He doesn't have a place to do homework and his posture has become crooked. He worries about his son's physical and mental health. He asked the Committee to please prioritize subsidies for SRO families who cannot even afford affordable housing. He said he is not asking for himself, but for the future of these children.

A caller mother and resident of an SRO unit in Chinatown made a public comment with Yik Fai interpreting from Mandarin. The caller said her family of 4 lives in an SRO unit with no windows, which impacts air quality and light. Her family waits in lines to cook and use the bathroom. She has applied for affordable housing, but the criteria are too high. She asked the Committee to prioritize subsidies to help families living in SROs.

Carol Lu, Citywide Revenue Manager in the Budget and Analysis Division of the Controller's Office, updated the Committee on progress toward an Our City, Our Home Reserve Policy using slide 13 [located here](#).

Member Reggio, Permanent Housing Inventory and Pipeline Liaison, presented his recommendations using slides 14-19 [located here](#). Member Reggio proposed the following recommendations that differed from the Department's proposals:

- Increasing Operating Housing in OCOH Funded programs by \$0.2m to increase caseworker wages.
- Increasing the number of SRO Family Subsidies by 50, from the existing 100 to 150 subsidies in total, at a cost of \$6.2m over 2 years
- Identify non-OCOH funding source for PSH Equity Services at a cost of \$25.5m over 2 years to improve case management ratios across the PSH portfolio.

Member Friedenbach supported looking outside of OCOH Fund for sources to implement PSH Equity Services.

Member Reggio made a motion to recommend the Department's funding proposals as presented, with the exceptions highlighted above. And that the Committee recommend strongly that funding for PSH Equity Services be sourced from non-OCOH funds.

There was discussion of process.

Member Friedenbach seconded Member Reggio's recommendation to recognize the urgent need to achieve equitable pay and improve case management ratios in the full PSH portfolio, and to encourage the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and the Department to seek alternative funding sources for increased wages and decreased case management ratios.

Vice Chair D'Antonio asked to make motions based on learnings from the listening sessions. Chair Williams asked Vice Chair D'Antonio to hold her motions until the committee has finished considering the motion currently on the floor.

Member Leadbetter thanked Member Reggio for his work on the recommendations. She said the purpose of the OCOH Fund is to add housing to the system. She said existing PSH needs intentional and comprehensive attention to define and fund a model of care.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion passed.

Member Friedenbach made two additional motions. She moved to use the fund balance in Family Housing to add 100 Flex Pool vouchers for SRO families in year 2 (FY2024) at a cost of \$2m. Vice Chair D'Antonio seconded the motion.

Member Catalano asked if it would be possible to hear multiple motions before voting, since the proposals likely impact each other. Chair Williams agreed.

Member Friedenbach proposed using savings in the adult housing category to add 60 flex-pool subsidies for cis- and trans- women at a cost of \$2.4m in FY2023 and an additional 60 flex pool subsidies for this population in FY2024. This proposal responds to cis- and trans-gendered women's vulnerability to sexual assault and harassment.

Chair Williams requested a vote on the first of Member Friedenbach's motions: Using the fund balance in Family Housing category to add 100 Flex Pool vouchers for SRO families in year 2 (F2024) at a cost of \$2m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion passed.

Vice Chair D'Antonio proposed adding language to the TAY Flex Pool Subsidy to encourage implementation of shared housing arrangements.

Vice Chair D'Antonio proposed adding 30 Flex Pool Subsidies for doubled up families, including undocumented and asylum seekers, in FY2023 at a cost of \$1.82m. And another 30 Flex Pool Subsidies for doubled up families, including undocumented and asylum seekers in FY2024 at a cost of \$1.82m.

Member Andrews said it would be ideal to be able to have time to review and consider the motions and their financial implications before voting. Chair Williams said she would like to know the fund balances that are available.

Member Catalano said each of the motions have implications for the others, including that some recommendations may fit into multiple categories. For example, proposing RRH extensions could fit into the Prevention or the Permanent Housing categories.

Chair Williams asked for greater clarification.

Member Friedenbach said that when the Committee discussed the Homelessness Prevention category, she was going to make a motion to add family 100 rapid re-housing extensions because

as a way of preventing families from returning to homelessness from rapid re-housing.

Member Catalano, the Homelessness Prevention Liaison, and Member Reggio, the Permanent Housing Liaison had not discussed the motion prior.

Member Leadbetter said that the Rapid Re-Housing extensions could go in the Prevention category or they could move money from one category to another, but she recommended using housing dollars.

Jessica Shimmin, Controller's Office, incorporated the proposed change into the budget spreadsheet.

Member Reggio said that he is concerned about maintaining sufficient funds for acquisition in the Permanent Housing categories. And, he said the Committee hasn't addressed the bulk of the Department's proposals, such as the HomeKey proposal. He proposed to meet with the Committee Members about their proposals and develop an integrated package of proposals.

Chair Williams agreed to this approach.

- 6) Action Item
Presentation and Approval of Behavioral Health Recommendations by the Committee. (25 min)

Tabled for Special Meeting.

- 7) Action Item
Presentation and Approval of Prevention & Diversion Services Recommendations by the Committee. (20 min)

Tabled until the Special Meeting.

- 8) Action Item
Presentation and Approval of Emergency Shelter & Hygiene Services Recommendations by the Committee.

Member Friedenbach, Emergency Shelter and Hygiene Liaison presented recommendations using slides 33-35 [located here](#). Member Friedenbach recommended the Department's proposals with the following changes:

- Adding \$1.2m to hotel vouchers for victims of domestic violence and pregnant people in FY2023 (\$0.6 m for each subpopulation).
- Reducing Adult/TAY Navigation Center Operations by \$1.2m in FY23 to make room in the budget for the hotel vouchers.

Vice Chair D'Antonio made a motion to encourage the review of program participant feedback on issues related to showers, potable water, quality food, transportation, and onsite supports, including onsite enrichment activities. Member Catalano seconded the motion.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Chair Williams asked for a vote on Vice Chair D'Antonio's motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion passed.

Member Friedenbach made a motion to add \$0.6m to hotel vouchers for pregnant people and families and \$0.6m to hotel vouchers for victims of domestic violence, paid for by reducing Adult/Tay Navigation Center Operations by \$1.2m. Vice Chair D'Antonio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion passed.

Member Friedenbach made a motion to approve the Department's proposed budget with the amendments as stated in the Shelter and Hygiene section. Member Reggio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion passed.

Chair Williams requested staff support with scheduling a special meeting. The group selected Friday May 6 10:00AM-1:00PM

Jessica Shimmin, Controller's Office, proposed to collect motions from Committee members, compile them, and redistribute them to the Committee for consideration. She also offered to support the liaisons in developing a cohesive set of proposals and to bring motions to the City Attorney for review, as needed.

The Chair agreed to this process.

9) Discussion/Possible Action

Propose future agenda items, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Chair Williams tabled this agenda item for a future meeting.

10) **Adjourn**

Member Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Reggio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.