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Council Liaison Dianne Martinez

## **Action Minutes** **Emeryville Housing Committee Meeting** Teleconference via Zoom Wednesday, April 7, 2021 6:00 p.m.

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

### **2. Roll Call:**

Members Present: Chair Ericka Zepko, Vice Chair Sheryle Bolton, Kris Owens, Vickie Jo Sewell, Jordan Wax, Council Liaison Dianne Martinez

Members Absent: Henry Symons, Marchelle Huggins

Staff Present: Valerie Bernardo, EDH; Navarre Oaks, Planning; Kim Burres, Community Services

Presenters: Placeworks Consulting

Guests: Ali Kashani,

- 3. Public Comment** – Ali Kashani requested to discuss the Adeline Springs project with the Housing Committee prior to submitting their full zoning application. It was recommended this request be added to the Future Agenda Item.

### **4. April 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Zepko called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. A motion to approve the February 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Chair Zepko and seconded by Member Wax. The motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Action Items (None)**

## 6. Information Items

### 6.1 Cycle 6 Housing Element Overview

Placeworks provided an overview of the Housing Element, new laws impacting the Housing Element and projected timeline for the cycle 6 Emeryville Housing Element. A discussion regarding the process for community engagement occurred. Community Engagement will include 6-8 updates at future Housing Committee Meetings, two community meetings, one-on-one strategic partner consultations and four (4) public hearings via the Planning Commission and City Council. Additionally, the community can sign up to get more information on the Housing Element by visiting the City's website or joining the Housing Notification listserv at <http://eepurl.com/hllkE9>. It was indicated that most citizens do not know what is happening in the city and that we need to increase our community engagement.

### 6.2 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Valerie Bernardo provided an update on the Alameda County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (i.e. AC Housing Secure) and the funding provided by the State and Federal Government. Emeryville residents with past due rent that have household income less than 80% AMI will be eligible to apply for assistance through the Countywide program.

## 7. Future Agenda Items

Member Bolton made a motion to have Adeline Springs added as a Future Agenda Item. This motion was seconded by Member Owens. The motion passed.

Member Jax made a motion to add Community Engagement with the Housing Element as a Future Agenda Item. The motion was seconded by Member Bolton. The motion passed.

## 8. Announcements/Member Comments

The Housing Committee offered congratulations to Chair Erica Zepko for joining the Planning Commission and a welcome to Mayor Diane Martinez for joining the Housing Committee as a Council Liaison.

## 9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Prepared by: Valerie Bernardo  
Valerie Bernardo, Community and Economic Development Coordinator II

Approved by Committee: June 2, 2021