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ACTION CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Subject: Proposed Amendment: Public Commons for Everyone Initiative

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. Compile information on number of citations issued, prosecuted and convicted on quality of life citations currently happening in Berkeley, as well as adjoining jurisdictions.
2. Compile information on estimated cost of District Attorney time, Public Defender time, court time and police time for existing and proposed quality of life citations in Berkeley and nearby jurisdictions.
3. Delay consideration of any ordinance banning sitting on the sidewalk for one year until we see the results of a trial period of these other recommendations.
4. Delay implementation of urination ordinance (if proposed) until there is an increase in the number of public toilets and increased availability of existing public toilets.
5. Implement community involved policing features such as increasing police beat walking and communication with businesses, residents and the whole community and implementation of a dedicated cell phone or page should not be delayed for sixth months.
6. Sever recommendation number 6.

RECOMMENDATION FROM ITEM 32C ON MAY 22, 2007 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Request that the City Manager return to the City Council by November 20, 2007 with:

- 1) A plan to increase the number of parking meters and the parking meter fees to generate income for PCEI and allied programs;
- 2) Support the City Manager's request for a 6 month FTE and ask that the City Manager draft program plans for diversion, street outreach teams, and community policing with input from the relevant commissions;
- 3) Draft language for a no-smoking ordinance in commercial areas and refer to Community Health Commission;
- 4) A plan for improving signage and accessible hours for public bathrooms;
- 5) Draft language for an ordinance prohibiting public urination and defecation as an infraction and refer to the Police Review Commission;
- 6) A plan to adhere and enforce our existing laws pertaining to street behavior (see list in City Manager's PCEI report of May 8th), and draft language to amend BMC 13.36.015 Lying on Sidewalks and rescind Resolution 61,042-N.S, and refer to the Police Review Commission;
- 7) A plan for public seating, economic development and redirecting street donations refer to the Economic Development;
- 8) A proposal to expand supportive housing opportunities linking Housing Trust Fund with Mental Health Services Act and other funds and refer to the Housing Advisory Commission; and,
- 9) Solicit feedback and proposals from the Mental Health, Homeless, Community Health, Police Review, Housing Advisory, and the Human Welfare and Community Action Commissions and key community stakeholders for consideration by the Council at the November 20th City Council meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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