



City of Berkeley
Betterment Commission

October 11, 2023
4pm on Zoom

The Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chair Cole.

Members Present: Carolyn Crimes, Tracy Cole, Jean Holmes, Ebony Shaw, DeBora White, Councilwoman Brenda Williams, Representing the City (Ward 2) and City Clerk Deanna Jones.

Chair Cole investigated the local grocery stores for donations. The stores had already made their quota for the season.

Chair Cole introduced a vendor event to help raise money for the food drive. The members agreed with hosting an event at the civic center on Nov 17th 4-8pm. There will be a fee for the vendors to attend.

Commissioner Shaw spoke with the counselor at Berkeley school who is working on the list for the children who are in need.

The members agreed that the budget for turkeys is \$20 each. Giving baskets away for Thanksgiving was discussed. Two baskets per Ward at \$60 apiece.

Permission will be requested from the council to put a box in the lobby for a toy drive for Christmas.

The commission desires to host an “Oldy but Goody Dance” in April 2024.

The next meeting will be on November 1st at 4pm.

The members will help the Parks Dept with the Halloween candy bags assembly on Oct 26th at 2:30pm in the council chambers. The clerk will buy a couple of bags of pre-popped popcorn that a member will bag to give out during the Halloween truck or treat.

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 5:02 pm.