
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2020 1:30 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members: Charlie Woodcock, Loyd Platson, Doug Osborne,
Jeff Arndt, Holly Marban, Denise Ewing
Dr. Richard Wein (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woodcock called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Charlie Woodcock, Loyd Platson, Doug Osborne, Holly Marban
Commissioners Absent: Denise Ewing (excused), Jeff Arndt (excused)
Assembly Liaison: Richard Wein (absent)
Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

III. AGENDA CHANGES

Item E was moved prior to item B under Unfinished Business.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 5, 2019

M - Osborne / S - Platson moved to approve the December 5, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the four members present.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Woodcock stated that House 2 would be licensed soon and could start accepting 8 to 12-year-old children.

Commissioners – Platson reported there would be a HOPE Coalition meeting at 3:30 p.m. regarding youth substance abuse and last month's meeting topic opioid had 30 to 40 attendees. He told of a donation given to the Bike Co-op of \$600. He stated concerns with snow covering the sidewalks. Marban relayed the upcoming meetings of the Early Childhood Coalition on the 14th with the topic of self-care for parents of young children and the 23rd topic of increase availability of childcare. She reminded of her health and wellness coaching. Osborne handed out window stickers from the RWJF Culture of Health Prize Winner. He mentioned the commissioner vacancy and of the Annual Bike/Walk Conference to be held June 9 through 13.

City Staff – None.

Assembly Liaison – Not in attendance.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. Three-foot bike clearance

Osborne stated he attended the Police and Fire Commission meeting and did a presentation. He presented to the Commission and asked for feedback. He also asked for the Commission to conceptually accept this strategy which consisted of a diversion class, increase in fines, adopt the three-foot rule for safe passage of bicyclists, adopt a policy to prohibit rolling coal, and a vulnerable roadway user policy with increased fines. Chari

Woodcock had concerns with youths receiving a ticket. Marban wondered if education took place in schools and thought it could be beneficial. Osborne stated he does go to the schools every spring to talk about bicycle safety. He thought that the education for this would be similar to the cell phone distracted driving ordinance. Marban was in favor and wondered if street signs could be put up as reminders. Chair Woodcock noted the need for enforcement, education, and thought that if under 18 years old, there should be a warning. Platson wondered of the idea of an auxiliary officer position. He was in favor of allowing rolling stops for bicyclists.

M – Platson / S – Osborne moved to conceptually approve the five strategy program to make safer streets. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the four members present.

Commissioners agreed that the policy should apply to those age 16 and older and should include allowing for Idaho stops (a law that allows cyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield sign, and a red light as a stop sign). Osborne would bring back a more succinct proposal.

A. Affordability

Marban relayed a conversation and PowerPoint she had from Lisa Daugherty of Juneau Composts. She noted that Pacific High had an on-site composting system. Platson wondered if the prize money from the RWJF could be used and thought to approach the Sitka School District to collaborate. Osborne wondered about expanding the current composting that the city was doing. He thought that BIHA may have property available. He wondered if there should be a meeting/composting summit that included Harry Greene, the Sitka Sound Science Center, CBS Public Works, and STA. Platson brought up the idea of neighborhood composting. Marban confirmed that St. Peter's does some composting and that there was a drop off bin. She thought there needed to be research from other Alaska communities and education to prevent problems with rats or bears. She also stated that there could be rate breaks and other incentives for composting.

B. Substance abuse especially regarding binge drinking in youth

This item was not discussed.

C. Support creation of a collective impact board

This item was not discussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

F. 2020 Commission Goals

This item was not discussed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall

M – Platson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk