
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 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

Vice Chair Platson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE / AGENDA CHANGES

Under Unfinished Business the order shall be: Item D, E, F, B, C.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 9, 2020

M - Osborne / S - Ewing moved to approve the January 9, 2020 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the four members present.

VI. REPORTS

Chair - Platson told of HOPE Coalition meeting at 3:30 p.m. and that SEARHC and the harbor department would be installing sharps containers in the harbor bathrooms.

Commissioners - Arndt reported there has been 750 feet of trail work done on the Cross Trail prior to a delay due to weather. He stated the Forrest Service was looking for public comment for the Nelson Logging road and Starrigavan area. Ewing reported her attendance at the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. She stated she had visited Petersburg clinic and would be going to Pelican. She reported on the Corona virus. Osborne stated he had invited Katie Riley, he reported on a UAS Title 3 grant that would host speaker Tim Wise September 10th and 11th. He reported that the Sitka Cycling Club's MOU had passed the Assembly. He mentioned the bike/walk conference June 9 - 13th.
City Staff - None.

Assembly Liaison - Wein relayed Corona virus information.

Other: Katie Riley introduced herself stating she works for the Sitka Conservation Society.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. Support creation of a collective impact board

Vice Chair Platson gave overview of the concept of a collective impact board, stating to have multiple agencies come together to share information, resources, responsibility, and success. He noted the board would oversee the big picture of issues in the community and that the board would keep agencies from duplicating efforts with the idea of forming concentrated tasks forces for different topics. He thought to have meetings quality for 3 to

4 hours which would include team building, a topic of the day, and general discussion. Arndt thought to also have a category for those that have lived experiences and gave the example of an AA sponsor. Vice Chair Platson said that the sectors could be expanded and agreed that a diverse background was important. Osborne thought that it should be determined who to invite to the meeting, and to have select invitations. Ewing agreed and noted that a letter stating the importance, role, to have a proxy on a nice invitation. She thought to have a 3 to 5 year commitment from attendees. Osborne wondered if a 2 year commitment would be sufficient and to hold meeting every other month with summers off. Wein reminded that if the city and this commission was involved that it must follow the open meetings act.

Discussion occurred on next steps: who the invitation would come from, who to invite and the role that the commission should have. It was discussed to have the Sitka Health Summit Coalition be facilitators with commission support.

Katie Riley wondered the purpose and felt that boards like this could be powerful.

E. Three-foot bike clearance

Osborne stated he had made the changes that were agreed to at the last meeting. He went over the changes and five parts of the policy. Wein shared his concerns. Arndt told of a rule in other places where the bicyclist must pull over if there are five or more cars behind the bicyclist slowing traffic. He noted the need for education with regards to courteous hazardous drivers.

M - Arndt / S - Osborne moved to approve the draft ordinance on first reading. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the four members present.

This would come back to the next regular meeting for another reading.

F. 2020 Commission goals

The following goals were discussed, they will be brought back to the next regular meeting to vote on: 1. Research, discussion and find specific action to address substance misuse, especially regarding binge drinking in youth. 2. Support the creation of a collective impact board for Sitka. Note: A collective impact board is a group of people from different sectors who gather regularly to solve specific social problems using a structured form of collaboration. 3. Continue to pursue, discuss, research improvements in the Sitka solid waste system especially with regards to composting. 4. Research, discuss, develop to forward on to the Assembly, public policy to improve the general welfare, reduce injuries, and improve health outcomes of Sitka.

B. Affordability

This item was not discussed.

C. Substance abuse especially regarding binge drinking in youth

This item was not discussed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall

M - Osborne / S - Ewing moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk