
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:30 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members: Doug Osborne, Loyd Platson, Jeff Arndt,
Barbara Kendall, Vera Gibson, Chuck Woodcock, Holly Marban
Dr. Richard Wein (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Osborne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Doug Osborne, Loyd Platson, Jeff Arndt, Barbara Kendall, Vera Gibson, Chuck Woodcock, Holly Marban
Assembly Liaison: Richard Wein
Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 11, 2019

M – Platson / S – Marban moved to approve the April 11, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Osborne reported that the Assembly approved the 2019 goals, there would be a community bike ride, and told of a bike/walk conference/workshop.

Commissioners – Arndt reported on the assembly decision to keep the Cross Trail of phase 6 where it was. Woodcock told of a grant to fund after school programs. Kendall reported the Sitka Public Health nurse would be in town June 10th and that an email list was available to be kept informed of when the nurse would visit. Gibson told of underage drinking and other substances town hall on June 20. Platson noted he had not received word on the grants he applied for, that Sitka Counseling had collaborated with Sitka High School to do a survey, and of a June 19th event with the state’s Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Program.

City Staff – None.

Assembly Liaison – Wein noted that the assembly was working through the budget process. He told of the interim Police Chief Baty and Lt. Achee.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Affordability

Chair Osborne showed a draft Affordability Town Hall PSA. Commissioners discussed the date and time with a consensus for the town hall to be on Wednesday, May 29 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Commissioners shared concerns and questions with regards to who the target audience should be, that the agenda may need to be paired down, and the short time frame to advertise. It was discussed on how to focus on the public bringing ideas and not just

complaints, and for an additional town hall in June. Chair Osborne would work on inviting folks and encouraged the Commission to reach out. He would look into a morning interview on the radio.

C. Substance abuse especially regarding binge drinking in youth

Chair Osborne reminded of the town hall on binge drinking on June 20th and asked Commissioners to bring back a thought for the next regular meeting on policy for discussion.

D. Support creation of a collective impact board

Platson stated his vision would be to bring key organizations together for issues that affect the health of the community. He thought that there could be separate task forces like the HOPE coalition and others that could focus on different areas and that the collective impact board would coordinate the different task forces. He felt this would aid in coordination of grants/efforts; that it would support and build on each other's efforts. He felt that team building, education, and strategizing of housing, education, public safety could take place. Commissioners worked in pairs to come up with the following suggestions of entities to include: SAFV, SEARHC, city, Center for Community, YAS, mental health, Sitka School District, UAS, STA, public safety (SPD), Sitka Conservation Society, Brave Heart, Sitka Counseling, Hames Center, OCS, primary providers, Betty Eliason, HOPE, Coast Guard, churches, Pioneer Home, Public Assistance, the media, the business community, McGraw (Old Sitka Dock). Commissioners discussed individuals of the categories that should be attending: directors, CEO's, etc. Chair Osborne thought to host a meeting in the fall, quarterly, and for approximately 3 hours.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

E. Agenda items for the next meeting of June 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall

M - Arndt / S - Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk