
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 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. May 21, 2019

M – Platson / S – Arndt moved to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Osborne reported on the bike/walk conference and told of a safe passing of bicyclists and a vulnerable roadway user policy.

Commissioners – Gibson reminded of the town hall for underage drinking on June 20. Woodcock noted the work continued toward a teen center facility. Kendall had a schedule for the visiting public health nurse for 2019. Arndt reported on Sitka Trail Works hikes and noted that the Forest Service was working on Indian River trail. Marban noted an event titled, Healthy after 60 at the Sitka Public Library that evening and of SEARHC's joint commission meeting. She relayed from the bike/walk conference the thought to decrease the speed on O'Connell Bridge for safety purposes. Platson reminded of the presentation on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder at noon on June 19. He noted the completion of a youth survey.

City Staff – Henshaw reported that the Municipal Administrator Keith Brady had been suspended at the June 11th assembly meeting with possible removal on the June 25th assembly meeting.

Assembly Liaison – Wein gave history of previous Administrator's resigning and told of current decision of the suspension of Brady. He reported on news of marijuana with regards to the effects on adolescence.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Affordability

Discussion occurred on ideas that came from the Affordability Workshop on May 29th.

Marban noted Hughey's report of housing costs. Chair Osborne wondered if the commission should move forward with a second workshop to include additional ideas and to eliminate down to a few ideas to recommend to the assembly. He gave options, since the Administrator was the driving force behind it, to not hold another, to keep the original date of June 26th or to postpone to July. It was determined to hold a second workshop on July 10 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Harrigan Centennial Hall. Osborne would check in with the Acting Administrator regarding the workshop(s).

C. Substance abuse especially regarding binge drinking in youth

Chair Osborne reminded the commission of previous discussions of alcohol pops and advertising as he would like to focus on policy. Platson thought that the commission needed to figure out what the issues were specific to Sitka and that gathering data was needed in order to make an informed decision. Chair Osborne suggested next meeting the commission should go over the most recent YRBS data. Platson and Woodcock noted that from their data/experience adolescents were obtaining alcohol by being supplied by parents/guardians, by taking it from parents, and/or by having others purchase it for them. Chair Osborne wondered that the existing policy was for fees and enforcement to see if there was a gap.

D. Support creation of a collective impact board

Chair Osborne noted the brainstormed list from the last meeting and thought to schedule in a date for a collective impact board meeting. It was determined to have the first meeting in September as an informational/structure/concept meeting of 1.5 hours and a formal follow up meeting in mid-November. Henshaw would send out a doodle poll for dates and times.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

E. Next meeting was scheduled for July 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall

M - Platson / S - Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk