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# Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:30 p.m.  
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Teleconference

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Charlie Woodcock (videoconference), Loyd Platson (videoconference),  
Doug Osborne, Holly Marban (videoconference), Denise Ewing (teleconference)  
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox (alternate)  
Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

**III. CORRESPONDENCE / AGENDA CHANGES**

**M - Platson / S - Marban moved to place item G prior to item B. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

**IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

None.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. June 11, 2020**

**M - Osborne / S - Platson moved to approve the June 11, 2020 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

**VI. REPORTS**

Chair - Woodcock reported The Cloud was open. He gave hours and told of mitigation.

Commissioners - Platson reported on the Community Readiness Survey which would be discussed at the HOPE Coalition meeting. There was a total of 158 surveys and interviewed nine key community members. He reported on the Presbyterian church location. Marban mentioned SEARHC was looking into options for a community test site. Osborne reported the empty seats and to invite someone to apply. He told of August steps challenge and to let him know if there were ideas for Project 108. Ewing reported she was busy with contract tracing and regular appointments. She stated challenges with COVID-19.

City Staff - Thanked IT staff for setting up the Zoom meeting and Alternate Assembly Liaison for attending.

Assembly Liaison - Knox reported on the CARES Act funding framework and process highlighting areas of interest. He also reported on the upcoming Assembly meeting items of a resolution of requirement for masks and the removal of the Baranov statue in front of Harrigan Centennial Hall. He expanded on the Presbyterian church location and homelessness / funding from COVID-19.

Other: None.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **B. Food waste, food security, and composting**

Marban told of students coming to Sitka in August to support specific public health community projects specifically with Sitka Food Coop, Sitka Sound Science Center, Sitka Conservation Society, and Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association. She offered the idea of community wide composting framework and would remind them of that project option. Woodcock reached out to Mandy Summer at Pacific High and hasn't heard back. Marban would report back.

### **C. Address substance misuse especially regarding drinking in youth**

Platson reminded the community readiness survey was complete to identify what was most likely acceptable for the community to work on. He would send out the results. Osborne thought it was promising that the State had pilot projects and Sitka could be chosen. Platson met with Sitka School District Interim Superintendent John Holst to talk about prevention programming in school since the surveys fell through last spring due to COVID-19. He was working toward reestablishing those systems.

### **D. Support creation of a collective impact board**

Platson thought next steps would be to look at the list that he combined and shorten it. By the next meeting, each commissioner should rank the top 6, 8, or 10 which would determine who to invite, and think of topics the board should focus on. Marban thought to look at the Robert Wood Foundation report for ideas. Platson thought to look at what are main impacts on the community for example, what is causing community disorganization Osborne thought the mission could be broad with flexibility for topics depending on community need at the time. Platson thought that by identifying topic areas which may dictate who would be chose for the board. He noted this was a long-range board that lasts more than two years into the future. He would put together an informational packet and invite through a virtual gathering. Platson would send Henshaw the list which would include Marban's suggestions and Henshaw would send to the Commission.

### **E. Public Policy (Three-foot bike clearance)**

Osborne reported that the Police and Fire Commission wanted him to do more work on the ordinance. Platson relayed the chair of the Police and Fire Commission wondered if the city had authority of the contents of the ordinance and suggested looking at State Statute. He noted there was push back as it put an additional burden on the staff at the Police Department and they wondered what state regulations were in effect that the city could adopt. Osborne thought more education was needed.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **F. Statue Commemorating the Lifework of Elizabeth Peratrovich**

Marban would like to hear from Tom Gamble and was preliminarily in support to place a Elizabeth Peratrovich statue. Osborne had heard of the statue being placed at the roundabout, although the property was owned by the State and wasn't sure of that process.

### **G. City Seal Redesign**

Each Commissioner shared their top three submissions and agreed upon a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. The Commission agreed that the wording, "Sheet Ka Kwaan" should be included on the seal that was chosen. Commissioners shared comments on submission 5: great colors and design; noted the indigenous aspect was important; liked that there were a lot of Sitka depictions in it; and it was clean and clear. Comments on submission 7 were: Liked the

Tlingit wording and stated that the bridge was important.

**M - Platson / S Marban moved to recommend for the City Seal Redesign submission number 5 as first choice, 12 as the second choice, and 7 as the third choice and to include the wording, "Sheet Ka Kwaan" on the chosen seal. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**M - Marban / S Platson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.**

Attest:  
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk