
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2019 1:30 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Osborne called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Doug Osborne, Jeff Arndt, Holly Marban, Charlie Woodcock
Commissioners Absent: Loyd Platson (excused), Vera Gibson (excused), Barbara Kendall (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Richard Wein

Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

See item E for correspondence.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 18, 2019

M – Woodcock / S – Arndt moved to approve the July 18, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the four members present.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Osborne reported he had been at SEARHC for a week and stated so far so good.

Commissioners – Marban stated the hospital transition took place, was ongoing, and it had gone well for the most part. She told of fall health promotion programs. Arndt reported on the bike co-op meeting he attended. Woodcock reported on the Teen Center that would be open the first week of school and that there had been progress on the Level 4 house.

City Staff – Henshaw reported on the expiring commission seats.

Assembly Liaison – Wein told of vacant city positions. He noted an increase of marijuana use and health problems associated with it. He mentioned a copper/cobalt mine shut down. He stated the price of diesel had gone up in Sitka.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Affordability

Chair Osborne noted the 3rd affordability work shop was set for August 22nd, however he was unavailable. It was determined to change the affordability work shop to September 5th. He reminded the top two goals were: 1) to find ideas of self-sufficiency with recycling, composting, and solid waste and 2) tax sugar, tobacco, liquor, and/or marijuana to reduce other taxes. Marban thought if the commission was proposing ideas to the assembly, to make it specific rather than broad. Wein thought to present something after the election and suggested looking at the Gary Paxton Industrial Park site as a possible location option. Woodcock noted the importance of working out issues of opposition. Chair Osborne told of

Sierra Energy's FastOx Gasification system.

C. Substance abuse especially regarding binge drinking in youth

Chair Osborne told that Platson would present survey information. Woodcock noted that increased use for binge drinking was on the weekend and stated high traffic areas. Marban wondered if police officers could patrol those areas during peak times. Woodcock gave perspective of culture and suggested alternative activities during heightened times. Arndt agreed and would like education on the subject. Chair Osborne thought to look at hours allowed for consumption and the fee/fine schedule.

D. Support creation of a collective impact board

Commissioners read Osborne's proposed letter and gave feedback. Osborne reminded of the work session on September 17th.

E. Three foot bike clearance

Chair Osborne told of a letter Jeff Budd sent and the idea of not passing bicyclists until there was 3 feet available. He showed the website bikeleague.org. Discussion occurred around this policy idea, enforcement of, and education.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

F. Nominations for Chair

Chair Osborne noted the SEARHC policy that he could no longer be Chair of the commission.

M – Arndt / S – Marban moved to nominate Woodcock for Chair. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the four members present.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

G. Next meeting was scheduled for September 12, 2019 at 12:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall

Note: meeting time change.

Seeing no objection, Chair Osborne called the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk