
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:00 pm
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members: Dr. Paul Bahna, Doug Osborne, Dr. Myron Fribush,
Galadriel Morales, Vicki D'Amico, Lauren Hughey
Tristan Guevin (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bahna called the meeting to order at approximately 12:03PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Paul Bahna, Doug Osborne, Vicki D'Amico, Lauren Hughey, Dr. Myron Fribush
Absent: Galadriel Morales (unexcused)

III. AGENDA CHANGES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M – Osborne/S – D'Amico moved to approve the minutes from July 14, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence responding to Ramon Quevado was mentioned.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Reported the vacancy and shared his manual.

Commissioners – Osborne reminded the Commission of the Health Summit at UAS from 8:00AM to 4:00PM on Friday, October 9th. Fribush told of his presentation on medical marijuana for a conference in Portland, Oregon. D'Amico told of the annual training for SAFV at the end of August. More information can be found at www.safv.org.

City Staff – Henshaw told of the requested one member from this Commission that the Assembly asked to be on the Marijuana Advisory Committee.

Assembly Liaison – None.

Other(s) – None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion about a safe streets proposal

Osborne proposed going through the example he had from Austin, Texas of an ordinance to prohibit the use of portable electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle or bicycle and to make it Sitka's. D'Amico suggested sending it to the SPD Lieutenants to get their thoughts. Osborne thought to take it to the Police and Fire Commission. The Commission went through the document and made changes. Chair Bahna questioned the consequences.

M –Osborne/S –D'Amico moved for the Health Commission to approve as city code prohibiting the use of portable electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle or

bicycle in the City and Borough of Sitka which is based on the successful modeling of Austin, Texas to go to the Assembly for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

M -Osborne/S -D'Amico moved to create a two person subcommittee to clean up and go final on the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

M -Osborne/S -D'Amico moved to amend the document at D1 to include the wording after the motor vehicle or bicycle is at a complete stop, "not in a lane of traffic." Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2015 Goals: 1) Wellness Coalition, 2) Support MAPP/Survey Monkey, 3) Public Health Policy

1) Discussion occurred with regards to the Wellness Coalition networking goal and the time frame of having a meeting in the first two weeks of December. 2) Osborne mentioned he heard over 400 people took the survey. Hughey confirmed that the survey was closed. 3) Osborne shared his thoughts that the safe streets proposal fit under this goal. He also suggested a policy of including a number of feet as a distance from buildings for smoking in public. D'Amico shared her concerns regarding the SAFV Shelter with the issue.

C. Discussion on website and member manual

Chair Bahna showed the website for the Commission. He would like to add a message from the Chair, the goals, and a mission. D'Amico thought that the message from the Chair with one main objective limits the Commission, liked the 1-5, had concerns with public perception of the Commission's role, and questioned wording. Osborne gave suggestions on the mission and shared that a general mission statement may work better.

M -Osborne/S -D'Amico moved to approve having a message from the Chair in concept. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Preparing a questionnaire for administrators of all schools in Sitka requesting information on how students safety/health education/bullying prevention are being implemented and if they need support in specific areas

Not covered.

B. Discussion of changing the noon time to an evening time commission meeting to allow for a longer meeting time.

Not covered.

C. Preparing a questionnaire for administrators of all schools in Sitka requesting information on how students safety/health education/bullying prevention are being implemented and if they need support in specific areas

Not covered.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Agenda items for next meeting.

B. Set next meeting date.

The next regular meeting is September 8, 2015.

M -Osborne/S -D'Amico moved to adjourn at approximately 1:09pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk