
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 2020 1:30 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Teleconference

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 (teleconference), Loyd Platson (teleconference),
Doug Osborne, Holly Marban (teleconference)
Commissioners Absent: Denise Ewing (unexcused)
Assembly Liaison: Richard Wein
Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

III. CORRESPONDENCE / AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 9, 2020

M - Marban / S - Platson moved to approve the July 9, 2020 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

Chair - Woodcock reported the funding received for a YAS rapid rehousing program.

Commissioners - Osborne reported the bike club single track trail had been complete and they were building a fourth track. He told of a free virtual training series: Racial Justice in Southeast September 10-21. Marban reported on a chair yoga session on Zoom for elders Tuesday/Thursdays from noon to 1:00 beginning next week.

City Staff - None.

Assembly Liaison - Wein reported on his outgoing membership of the Assembly. He told of a state prescription monitoring program. Commissioners thanked Dr. Wein for his service.

Other: None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Food waste, food security, and composting

Osborne relayed that Pacific High School would be building a greenhouse and told of a potential community garden next to Moller field. Wein relayed that there could be CARES Act funding available for the project. He relayed the process. Commissioners thought to contact Jamal Floate regarding composting to see if he was still interested or doing composting. Marban would be meeting with the RANDS group and would be discussing how composting could be set up in Sitka. Commissioners thought to contact the Planning

Department to see if the space would work. Osborne noted the need of a manager for it, a keyed fence for the space, and plot rentals. Marban stated she would be interested in forming a subcommittee with Osborne to look into the idea of submitting an outline for CARES Act funding for a community garden.

C. Address substance misuse especially regarding drinking in youth

Platson told of the HOPE Coalition presentation for the School District for an anti-vaping program. He stated that mini reports were being put together based on the surveys that have been done that would be sent out in order to move the community readiness higher. He told that the demand for Narcan kits had gone up; many kits had been handed out during the pandemic.

D. Support creation of a collective impact board

Osborne suggested making the final list during the meeting. He thought to consider this list as the same folks that would be involved with a leaders lunch he was a part of. Marban suggested starting with the topic of racial equity with the leadership group and this board. Platson thought it would be a good start. Commissioners stated their ideas on who should be invited. Marban – Medical, city, tribal, police department, school; Platson – SAFV, Sitka Counseling, public health nurse, STA social services, police department, school district, faith-based community members. Osborne proposed to have an email invite and a call follow up. He thought the invitees could attend the lunch and learn on September 14 and have a follow up Thursday gathering. Then have the board meet the first Thursday of the month from noon to 1:00 p.m. There was discussion on having the remainder of the year focused on racial equity and then a new topic for 2021.

E. Public Policy (Three-foot bike clearance)

Osborne sent the ordinance to Wein and Knox. Wein stated it was on the list to push forward to the legal department prior to him going off the Assembly.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting was scheduled for September 10, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall.

M – Osborne/ S - Marban moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk