
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 12:00 pm
Sealing Cove Business Center

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bahna called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Paul Bahna, Doug Osborne, Vicki D'Amico, Lauren Hughey, Loyd Platson, Dr. Myron Fribush (arrived after roll call)
Absent: Galadriel Morales (unexcused)

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M - Osborne/S - D'Amico moved to approve the minutes from August 11, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. REPORTS

Chair - Bahna welcomed Loyd Platson. Platson told of his history. Bahna talked of his meeting with the Municipal Attorney regarding the word "God" and Open Meetings Act.
Commissioners - Osborne told that he would present to the Police and Fire Commission on September 23rd the safe streets proposal.
City Staff - None.
Assembly Liaison - Spoke of Open Meetings Act from his experience as an Assembly member.
Other(s) - None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion about a safe streets proposal

Discussion occurred with the ordinance regarding the date, time frame, staging, awareness, ticketing, and process.

M - Osborne/S - Platson moved that the Health Needs and Human Services Commission endorsement of the safe streets focused drivers ordinance and recommend it to the Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Bahna stated he would like to bring together entities possibly in November. Osborne

told of the importance of the Health Summit. 2) Hughey told of the reporting process. 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 told of topics he would like to add to the website including a message from the chair and a directory of Sitka organizations. D'Amico expressed concerns with using the word "God" in the message from the Chair, not with legal regards but rather offending others who do not believe. **By a show of hands, the majority of the Commissioners voted to not have the word "God" on the message from the Chair.** Platson was concerned that focus may be on responding and dealing with repercussions of it. Osborne though goals would be more appropriate as a mission and that is spelled out in the ordinance. D'Amico had concerns of complaints that may come in from agencies. Guevin spoke to being consistent with the ordinance that established the commission, the purpose, and the powers and duties. He gave the example of if an agency came to the Commission for support of a grant that the Commission may not be able to support. Discussion occurred of wording with agreement as follows.

M - Osborne/S - D'Amico moved approve the message from the Chair with changes of: using "hope" instead of "mission"; changing 2. Support local organizations whose missions promote healthy lifestyles.; and 3: Provide a forum for residents to provide feedback from community health and wellness issues. to be posted on the website. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Bahna also mentioned the list of organizations he would like to post. Platson and D'Amico brought up that churches should be included. Guevin thought maybe this should be added to the goals. Henshaw will include the list as an item on the next agenda.

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.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Agenda items for next meeting.

Not covered.

B. Set next meeting date.

The next regular meeting is September 8, 2015.

M - Osborne/S - D'Amico moved to adjourn at approximately 1:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk