
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:30 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woodcock called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Charlie Woodcock, Loyd Platson, Doug Osborne, Jeff Arndt, Vera Gibson, Holly Marban
Commissioners Absent: None.
Assembly Liaison: Richard Wein
Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 8, 2019

M – Platson / S – Osborne moved to approve the August 8, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Woodcock reported on a 2-day conference, the Teen Center hours, and the need for a bicycle rack.

Commissioners – Marban told of upcoming SEARHC programming and wondered if the Commission should look into a vaping flavor ban. Platson reported on the HOPE Coalition and Sitka Counseling grant, National Drug Take Back Day, the new prescription drop off box at White's Pharmacy, and the presentation to Sitka High School freshmen and future presentation(s) to Mt. Edgecumbe High School. Arndt stated the Sitka Trail Works annual meeting would be Monday night and he told of companies in the Seattle area of bike rentals. Osborne informed of the 5th annual Kidical Mass Ride event, the Sitka Cycling Club, and supporting our seniors gathering.

City Staff – None.

Assembly Liaison – Wein told of article's he read of marijuana use in teens and opioids. He reported on the Assembly's special meeting for non-profit giving.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Affordability

Osborne told of options: to have a third work shop, submit information to the Assembly as is, or drop it. He reminded the top goal was to revamp solid waste, second goal was related to taxation. Marban thought that a third work shop wasn't necessary. Wein said it was important to bring in city staff.

C. Substance abuse especially regarding binge drinking in youth

Platson was compiling data from the high school survey and would give a presentation to the Commission which would include tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drug statistics.

D. Support creation of a collective impact board

It was determined to keep the work session regarding this topic on the 17th. Platson told of the need to structure the collective impact board, to build what it would look like for Sitka and community needs. He would compile information and could show videos. Later in the meeting, however, it was determined to have the work session on October 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

E. Three foot bike clearance

Osborne thought to include other topics and not just the three foot rule to put together in a package for both safety for bicyclists and motorists with regards to: not riding on the sidewalks, wrong way riding, the white front light law, a 3-foot rule, texting while driving, and rolling coal. He would also like to increase fines and have them enforced. He told of the bicycle ride in which a motorist “rolled coal” on the riders and that it was illegal according to the EPA. He thought to surround a policy change the month of May, which was bike month. Wein felt that evaluation was needed on the bus routes and noted that Sitka had busses that failed emissions in other states. Discussion surrounded emissions in Sitka and of standards. Osborne would put together a package for the Commission to see if it were worth pursuing.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

F. Next meeting was scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall

M - Marban / S - Platson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk