
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members: Doug Osborne, Dr. Myron Fribush, Loyd Platson,
Jeff Arndt, Clara Gray, Barbara Kendall, Melissa Viator
Tristan Guevin (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Osborne called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Doug Osborne, Myron Fribush, Loyd Platson, Jeff Arndt, Clara Gray, Melissa Viator
Absent: Barbara Kendall (excused)

III. AGENDA CHANGES

M - Platson/S - Gray moved to shift Item B before Item A. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M - Platson/S - Gray moved to approve the August 10, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Clerk, Melissa Henshaw, told of correspondence in the packet with regards to the Banning Plastic Bag Ordinance agenda item.

VI. REPORTS

Chair - Osborne welcomed Melissa Viator.

Commissioners - Platson gave an update on grants. Arndt stated he was planning on attending the meeting tomorrow on plastic bags. Viator introduced herself and told of the Community Playground group meeting she attended. Gray told of an Elder Health Fair at the Senior Center on Friday and that STA was conducting a needs assessment.

City Staff - Henshaw welcomed the Commission to Harrigan Centennial Hall, told that if there were more than three members attending the meeting tomorrow, she would need to advertise and cautioned them of speaking as a member of the Commission. She stated she emailed Michelle Putz to invite her to this meeting since she has a similar idea with plastic bags.

Assembly Liaison - None.

Other(s) - None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Banning Plastic Bag Ordinance

Arndt mentioned the film date at the Library, stated the Sitka Conservation Society would be there in support and that the Sitka Sound Science Center would be in attendance. He mentioned Cordova and their banning of plastic bags, wondered with our large tourist influx in the summer would mean for this ordinance, wording for example, "ecological charge" and having an alternate to plastic bags whether that be a charge for, paper bags, or a discount for bringing a reusable bag. He stated he was open to ideas. Platson wondered if

the Commission should wait to see what the other group does. Viator questioned if there could be an incentive or a way to offset cost. Gray mentioned that Sea Mart had made efforts to reuse bags and the Commission should try to get shop and store owners to attend a meeting. Arndt told that there is an AC store in Cordova like Sitka. Fribush wondered how to encourage plastic bags to be recycled in the meantime. Osborne said that he considered this Commission a policy body and to first educate, then set policy by sending to the Assembly.

B. 2016 Goals

- 1) Chair Osborne gave a presentation of the Sitka Health Summit since the Commission would be cohosting it on October 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at UAS room 229. He told of the process, planning, history including previous goals, sponsors, health statistics, agenda, website, and ideas. Members gave comments and feedback.
- 2) Not discussed.
- 3) Not discussed.

C. Sample Ordinance of Minimum Legal Sales Age of 21 for Tobacco Products

Chair Osborne told of history, procedure, draft one, and timing.

D. Sugar Sweetened Beverage Excise Tax Ordinance

Chair Osborne stated that previous commissioner Lauren Hughey drafted this ordinance. He told of history. Fribush added there was a New York Times front page article last week of three Harvard doctors that were bribed by the sugar industry to play down the link between sugar and heart disease and promote fat instead. Osborne thought all the ordinances in the works should be postponed until after the election due to the need of two Assembly sponsors.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Agenda items for next meeting.

The following items were added to the next agenda: HOPE Coalition representative and meeting times.

B. Set next meeting date.

The next regular meeting was set for Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

M – Gray/S – Platson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk