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# Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019 12:30 p.m.  
Harrigan Centennial Hall

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**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 1:31 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Charlie Woodcock, Doug Osborne (telephonic), Jeff Arndt, Vera Gibson, Holly Marban (arrived at 1:34pm)

Commissioners Absent: Loyd Platson (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Richard Wein

Others in attendance: Administrative Coordinator Renee Wheat, Maintenance and Operations Superintendent Harry Greene

**III. AGENDA CHANGES**

None.

**IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. September 12, 2019**

**M – Gibson / S – Arndt moved to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

**VI. REPORTS**

Chair – Woodcock reported on the Teen Center activities.

Commissioners – Arndt spoke of bike donations for the riding event on October 12. Gibson relayed Red Ribbon week would be October 21-25. October 26 would be Drug Take Back Day at Centennial Hall with Narcan Kit distribution. Marban relayed SEARHC opened a drug addiction Intensive Outpatient Program. Referrals were through Behavioral Health. SEARHC would offer a program for free mammograms during October for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Osborne said UAS would host a public event on October 14 for Indigenous Peoples' Day to include a potluck, dancing and workshop.

City Staff – None.

Assembly Liaison – Wein relayed that Hugh Bevan was hired as Interim Municipal Administrator. He spoke of smart bike helmets that connected to an Apple Watch. He relayed he would sit on the newly formed SEARHC Sitka Community Health Council who would meet four times per year with one meeting open to the public.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B. Affordability**

Maintenance and Operations Superintendent Harry Greene was invited to the meeting to discuss affordability ideas. Osborne informed Greene the Health Needs and Human Services Commission had a goal to make Sitka a more affordable place to live by saving on solid waste

through composting and reducing off island shipping of solid waste. He relayed it was also part of the CBS Climate Action Plan. Greene said Republic Services had the CBS contract for solid waste. He would be meeting with them soon to discuss the recycling program. Currently recycling is on an honor system. Contaminated recycle goes to the landfill. The CBS received money for recycling but not enough to make it cost effective to hire staff to manage the program. Wein spoke of his concern in having a back up plan for recycle mentioning when China suddenly stopped accepting CBS plastics. Osborne agreed to email Greene more information for further discussion at the November meeting. The Commission thanked Greene for his input.

**C. Substance abuse especially regarding binge drinking in youth**

No report.

**D. Support creation of a collective impact board**

No report.

**E. Three foot bike clearance**

Woodcock spoke of improved safety regulations between bikers and motorists but would wait for more details from Osborne who ended phone conference participation at 2:18 p.m.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**F. Next meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall**

**M - Arndt / S - Marban moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:26p.m.**

Attest:  
Renee Wheat, Administrative Coordinator