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# Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 2019 1:00 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**

Vice Chair Platson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Loyd Platson, Doug Osborne, Jeff Arndt, Vera Gibson (arrived at 1:06 p.m.), Holly Marban

Commissioners Absent: Charlie Woodcock (excused)

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. October 10, 2019**

**M - Osborne / S - Marban moved to approve the October 10, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

**VI. REPORTS**

Chair - None.

Commissioners - Marban told of the intensive outpatient treatment program at SEARHC that had housing for 9 with a minimum age of 18 and length of program for up to 16 weeks. Arndt expressed frustration with the city process of phase 6 of the Cross Trail. Osborne reminded that November was Native Heritage month and told of scheduled activities. He stated there would be a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual walk/bike conference that would be held June 9 through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

City Staff - Henshaw told of vacancies on the Commission.

Assembly Liaison - Wein gave an update on the open director positions and concerns of future obligations/projects.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B. Affordability**

Marban recapped the last meeting details and expressed that she would like to move forward with a composting idea. Henshaw mentioned that Harry Greene was unexpectedly out of the office this week but should be able to attend the Commission meeting next month. Marban wondered what to do in the meantime to keep traction on the idea. Osborne told about the 2011 health summit composting goal. He thought a starting point could be in conjunction with the science program at Mt. Edgecumbe High School due to the large amount of food waste which could then beautify the dilapidated building property on Japonski Island. Arndt

mentioned the fish carcass waste and the idea of using it either as a profit making business to use it but that a dehydration system would be needed or to use it for composting. He would reach out to the company. Osborne told of an STA grant for fish and woodchip composting. Platson told of the idea of neighborhood composting. Arndt wondered if there was land available from the city. Marban would contact the Juneau composting company.

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

Platson went through the Youth Risk Behavior survey that was taken through the Sitka School District and discussion surrounded the idea of writing a letter to stores to ask them to voluntarily not sell vaping supplies. Platson thought to have multiple health care entities to sign off on it.

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

Probation Officer Jeanette Hitt introduced herself and gave her background, expressed interest in applying to the Commission. She felt it was necessary to collaborate as to not duplicate services and told her history of collaboration.

**E. Three foot bike clearance**

Osborne was going to bring ideas forward at the next meeting that included: fine increases, creation of a diversion program, the three foot bike rule, and ordinance against rolling coal.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**F. Next meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., Harrigan Centennial Hall**

**M - Marban / S - Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.**

Attest:  
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk