
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes
Wednesday, December 18, 2024 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members:
Crystal Duncan, Annette Evans, Amanda Roberts
Lawrence “Woody” Widmark, Paul Bahna, Michelle Kavouras
JJ Carlson (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Crystal Duncan, Annette Evans , Michelle Kavouras, Amanda Roberts, and Woody Widmark (Via Zoom)

Commissioners Absent: Paul Bahna

Assembly Liaison: None.

Staff Present: Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Municipal Clerk

III. CORRESPONDENCE /AGENDA CHANGES

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (*Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, not to exceed 3 minutes*)

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 20, 2024 minutes

Evans move to approve the minutes of November 20, 2024. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Duncan reported on the vacant seat on the HNHS Commission.

Commissioners – None.

City Staff – Earnshaw shared updates on the revised strategic plan.

Assembly Liaison – None.

Other(s) – None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Approving the recommendations for the Child Care Working Group

Evans presented the Child Care Report, noting it was still in draft form but had been revised based on community feedback. She mentioned that the work group made minor additions and considered public comments. Eight recommendations were

prioritized from easiest to most complex, and the assembly was encouraged to choose which to move forward with.

The Commission discussed the importance of childcare and listed several resolutions to support it, including joining boards, assessing funding interest, identifying potential childcare center sites, and funding existing programs. They also considered exploring a ballot measure for a sustainable early childhood education fund, partnering with the Association for the Education of Young Children, and offering tax breaks to businesses supporting employee childcare.

The Commission debated whether to approve all eight recommendations or none for clarity. They considered tabling the report for further feedback and discussed presenting these topics in future meetings, focusing on giving each due attention. Due to time constraints and the need for financial planning, they decided to review the report for further adjustments and present at least two, ideally three, goals at the next meeting.

The following community members commented on this item.

Dave Lamb, Joel Markis, Andrea Colvin, Lauren Wild, and Kari Sagel

Commission Members Kavouras, Roberts, and Duncan thanked Commissioner Evans for her work on the recommendations.

- XI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD** (*For items on or off the agenda, not to exceed 3 minutes*)
None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Attest:
Jess Earnshaw
Deputy Municipal Clerk