MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, April 2, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers

Members Present: Ald. Holmes, Fiske, Grover, and Tendam

Members Absent: Ald. Braithwaite

Staff Present: Nicola Whyte, Grant Farrar, Douglas Gaynor, Chief Richard Eddington, Wally Bobkiewicz, Sara Flax, Bob Dorneker, Betsy Jenkins

Presiding Member: Ald. Grover

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Grover called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of MARCH 5, 2012
It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved 4-0.

Public meeting for emergency solutions: all comments can be forwarded to Sara Flax at the City of Evanston or online at www.cityofevanston.org.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Approval of the substantial amendments to the 2011 and 2012 Action Plans, including the funding allocations to individual agencies
The Housing and Grants Administrator, Sarah Flax, gave the committee a brief overview as to why a public meeting was requested and of the memo which was included in the packet.

Citizens are permitted to submit their comments from March 30th until April 28th. Comments can be sent to the Lorraine H Morton Civic Center to the attention of Sarah Flax or via email to cdbg@cityofevanston.org

Betty Sue Ester requested clarification on the location of the City’s overnight shelters as stated in the memo to the committee from Steve Griffin, Director of Community & Economic Development. Ms. Flax clarified the City does not own or operate any overnight shelters. Ms. Ester suggested changing the language in the memo (pg 100 of the packet) to read “Approximately 47% of funds are allocated to support City’s overnight shelters the two overnight shelters in the City….” She will submit her other concerns to Ms. Flax directly.
It was moved and seconded to forward the substantial amendments to the 2011 and 2012 Action Plans, including the funding allocations to individual agencies to City Council for approval. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved 4-0.

Township of Evanston March 2012 Monthly Bills
It was moved and seconded to approve the Township of Evanston March 2012 bills. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved 3-1.

Ordinance 28-O-12 Enacting a New Chapter 17 of Title 9 of the Evanston City Code, Prohibiting Unauthorized Operation of CB Radio Equipment
Andrea Winship, 1144 Wesley, told the Committee she is experiencing amateur radio (ham)/citizens’ band radio frequency interference with her household electronics from her neighbor's equipment.
Scott Irwin, 2028 Cleveland, is an experience radio operator and felt this ordinance would be hard to enforce. He offered to assist Ms. Winship with her neighbor to resolve the radio waves interference issues.
Held in Committee

Resolution 29-R-12 Accepting the Evanston Environmental Association’s “The Evanston Ecology Center: A Roadmap to Financial Self-Reliance”
Fred Schneider and Rick Nelson are Board Members/volunteer from the Evanston Environmental Association, they summarized the report for the Ecology Centers: Roadmap to Financial Self-Reliance, “that will a) greatly reduce the operating deficit that will be incurred by the City of Evanston to keep the Evanston Ecology Center operational in fiscal years 2011 and 2012, b) eliminate the Ecology Center's operational deficit altogether starting in fiscal year 2013, and c) help the city offset future capital expenditures of the Evanston Ecology Center”.
It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 29-R-12 Accepting the Evanston Environmental Association’s “The Evanston Ecology Center: A Roadmap to Financial Self-Reliance” and committing to its implementation. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 4-0.

Resolution 28-R-12 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a City of Evanston Community Public Art Program Agreement with Krivanek + Breaux/ Art + Design LLC for Artwork at the Sherman Garage
The artists Krivanek + Breaux explained their vision of the proposed art which would be installed on the inside of the Sherman Plaza parking garage. The twelve story building lobbies and elevators would be illuminated and interactive on the south and west facades. Ald. Fiske likes the presentation; however, she felt the installation at the Sherman Plaza was wrong due to the many accidents at that intersection. She also stated the $75,000 does not have to be spent at this time; the money can be used for something else.
Ald. Tendam and Grover thought the installation was brilliant and very appropriate for that location.
Ald. Holmes did not understand the mechanics of the installation but would be willing to attend a demonstration to gain a better understanding.
Maintenance of the artwork would comprise of changing the light bulbs which would cost approximately $500 per annum.

It was moved and seconded to forward to council for further review and site test. The motion was approved 4-0.

**Resolution 16-R-12 Regarding the Sale or Lease of Park Land**

Larry Raffel member of the Park and Recreation Board was present to answer the committee’s question on the proposed Resolution. Ald. Grover was not comfortable with the wording/reason for Section 2: …In the event such a sale and subsequent acquisition yield a net profit for the City, said profit shall be deposited into a Parks and Recreation Fund, hereby established to receive and expend monies dedicated to the creation, preservation, maintenance, and improvement of City parks, beaches and recreational facilities. She asked if the Board required that stipulation in the approved resolution; Mr. Raffel felt the paragraph inclusion would deter the City from selling park land then using said monies to repurchase a cheaper parcel of land then folding the profit into the City's general fund. He felt the monies would be better used to maintain the green space.

The Committee was in favor of holding the Resolution in Committee for a full committee vote (Ald. Braithwaite was absent) and City Manager Bobkiewicz suggested sending it back to staff to draft language the committee would be comfortable with. Mr. Raffel felt the Resolution has been taken as far as it can go and he did not want it held up any further.

*It was moved and seconded to Receive and File Resolution 16-R-12. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 4-0.*

**Recommendation for Main Street Mural Project by Nichols School**

Nichols School approached the Public Arts Committee in order to place a mural “I Can See Clearly Now” on the north and south walls of the viaduct under the Metra train tracks on Main St. west of Chicago Ave. During discussion with Metra the City was told they would be working on that station within the year which would disrupt the artwork. Nichols School has agreed to install the artwork at the Metra Greenwood station instead.

*It was moved and seconded to approve the Greenwood Station Mural project by Nichols School. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 4-0.*

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Review of Police Complaints**

Betty Sue Ester 2031 Church St. commented on citizen complaint review CR #11-14

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Bobkiewicz report the appraisal of the Harley Clarke Mansion is still in progress and requested a special convening of the Human Services Committee on April 16, 2012 to discuss the Harley Clarke Mansion. Ald. Fiske requested changing the language to Sale or Lease to the Harley Clarke Mansion documents. The Committee approved the request for a special meeting.
ADJOURNMENT
It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary, Health Department