MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday August 1, 2011  
7:30 p.m. 
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers

Members Present: Ald. Holmes, Fiske, and Tendam

Members Absent: Ald. Grover, Ald. Braithwaite

Staff Present: Jim, Nicola Whyte, Evonda Thomas and Katherine Agonis

Presiding Member: Ald. Tendam

Declaration of Quorum 
With a quorum present, Chairman Tendam called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of July 6, 2011
It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the July 6, 2011 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved 3-0.

Citizen Comment
John Barfield, 921 Elmwood, was a victim of an attack by a pit bull twice. The animal warden was unresponsive to Mr. Barfield inquires to the dog shot records. After many inquiries he received a response two months after his attack. Mr. Barfield suggested reporting all dog bites to the Health Department and Property Standards.

He suggested enforcing the leash law and those dogs found off leash in non-dog parks should be ticketed by the police.

The process to report a dog bite is unclear; the animal warden is not helpful.

Tom Okawara, 1517 Kirk St, stated the dog ordinance as written is not working and it is not being enforced. He supports the amendments made by Ald. Burrus to the dog ordinance.
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Township of Evanston July Monthly Bills

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the July 6, 2011 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved 3-0.

Ordinance 52-O-11 Amending Certain provisions of Title 9, Chapter 4 of the Evanston Municipal Code entitled “Dogs, Cats, Animals and Fowl” regarding Dangerous Dogs

It was moved and seconded that the Ordinance 52-O-11 Amending Certain provisions of Title 9, Chapter 4 of the Evanston Municipal Code entitled “Dogs, Cats, Animals and Fowl” be approved and forwarded to City Council with the following provisions. A voice vote was taken and approved 3-0 to forward to City Council.

Ald. Fiske is concerned with the amendments language, which is unnecessary vague and there is a question of due process. She stated dog owners have a right to due process to personal property which is the category of pets.

Ald. Fiske would like the appeal process clear for dog owners and for residents to call the police when an unleashed dog is observed in non-designated areas. “Park Ridge recently amended their dog ordinance in a much more thoughtful way than Evanston,” said Ald. Fiske.

Ald. Fiske requested the following sections to be amended; SECTION 2: (A), 1 and SECTION 3: 4, 5 when the presented to the full City Council.

Ald. Holmes read the following email which she received prior to the meeting.

I wanted to tell the committee that making new laws isn’t going to help. We have to start by actually enforcing the ones we have.

Then I was going to tell the committee about the attack on my dog and how even though I filed a police report and was willing to sign a complaint, the woman didn’t receive a ticket and didn’t even offer to reimburse me for more than $500 of vet bills.

Melissa Leasia
2127 Maple Avenue

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Update and Proposed Reallocation of Funds

It was moved and seconded that the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Update and Proposed Reallocation of Funds be approved. A voice vote was taken and approved 3-0.
2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Recommendation

It was moved and seconded that the 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Recommendation be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved 3-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
Update on Citizen Review of Police Complaints
The Committee did not have any questions or concerns regarding the Citizen Review of Police Complaints.

Ordinance 49-O-11 Provisional Adopting, Enacting, and Re-enacting New and Amended Code Provisions to Titles 8, 9, and 10 of the City of Evanston Code

ADJOURNMENT
It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary, Health Department