MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, February 4, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Joseph McRae, Chief Richard Eddington, Nicola Whyte, Commander Diane Davis, Wally Bobkiewicz, Henry Ford, Karen Danczak-Lyons, Douglas Gaynor

Presiding Member: Ald. Braithwaite

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Braithwaite called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of January 7 3 2012
It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved 5-0.

Citizen Comments

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of Police Complaints
The report was accepted by the committee 5-0.
Many of the complaints within the packet were old; Chief Eddington stated there are several reasons which would prolong the resolution of a complaint i.e. completing the comprehensive review process; working with a witness schedule to get them into the station to discuss the case. The supervisor who reviews the complaint's hours is under review for revision.

An inquiry was made as to the policy for video recording within the station and on police stops. Inside the station the events are recorded at all times. The State of Illinois recently revised the parameters on when a police stop can be video recorded. The department is in the process of making the necessary changes so that most stops will be recorded.

The recordings are kept for 90 days; a recording that is attached to an ongoing investigation is copied and that copy is kept with the file.

The Chair asked for clarity on CR1108: Chief Eddington explained the booking officer went after the complainant to give him his property when he noticed it was left behind. The complainant did not stop and continued down the handicap ramp. The officer shouted to the complainant he was leaving his property and stood on the “porch” of the handicap ramp and dropped his
property in the complainant path in hopes he would retrieve it. The complainant bypassed it on the ground and so the officer retrieved it and called the complainant’s spouse to come and pick it up which she did.

The Sergeant who posted the bond without authorization made an error and was given a letter of reprimand.

**Office of Professional Standards Annual Report**
Ald. Holmes thanked Chief Eddington for the report it gives a different prospective on the complaints.

**Dr. Thompson Police Department Training PowerPoint**
182 members of police department attended Dr. Thompson training. Based on the positive comments from the participants Chief Eddington would like to bring back Dr. Thompson within six to 18 months for continued training.

Ald Holmes attended two of the training and felt it was engaging and Dr. Thompson was very knowledgeable and an excellent trainer. She suggested having others observe the next training.

Dr. Thompson is considering a job transition which would prevent him from continuing training. Until that decision is made there are no specific plans at this time for his return.

Chief Eddington will gather a summary of the comments made during Dr. Thompson’s training for the committee.

Dr. Thompson also attended the Mayor’s meeting on race relations. The attendees were impressed with the information he brought to the table with were not police related.

**Update on Piven Theater Lease**
City Manager Bobkiewicz gave an update on the Piven Theater Lease agreement. The discussions are ongoing and the agreement will be brought to the committee for consideration when it is ready.

The Noyes Tenant’s Committee has been meeting with the City Manager putting together an agreement that is a fair business deal for the tenants and the taxpayers of Evanston. Currently the footprint does not make sense and when those involved in the negotiation believes they have met all considerations the final footprint will be presented to the tenants before it is brought to the Committee.

The 2013 summer arts camps will be held at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**
Township of Evanston January 2013 Monthly Bills
Rosemary Jean-Paul Township of Evanston, Executive Director updated the committee on their ongoing negotiation with Erie Family Health Center to refer patients for medical care.

*It was moved and seconded to approve the Township of Evanston January 2013 monthly bills. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.*
Assessor Bonnie Wilson report
Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze exemption and senior exemption applications must be submitted to the County Assessor by this Wednesday, February 6th. If you're born in 1947 or before and owned and lived in the property as of January 1, 2012 you qualify for the Senior exemption. The Senior Freeze no longer needs to be notarized. The household income for a senior freeze is $55,000 or below.

This is the year that Evanston Taxpayers are being reassessed on their property. The 2013 reassessment notices is scheduled to be mailed on February 22, 2013. Any assessment change for 2013 will be effective on the second installment payable in 2014. The Assessor’s Office encourages EVERYONE to file an assessment appeal to ensure the lowest possible property tax bill next year. Their office will be taking appointments after the notices are received by Evanston taxpayers. The Assessor’s office will be sending out information again to the media, to the City and to the Trustees when the assessments are mailed.

Also mentioned the nine Evanston taxpayers have received corrections for missed exemptions in January 2013 totaling $23,059.11. This brings the fiscal year total for the first ten months to $376,641.19.

The Assessor’s Office can be reached at 847-332-2465 to make an appointment for help with Senior citizen Assessment Freeze application.

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT
It was moved and seconded to convene into Executive Session at 6:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary, Health Department