MEETING MINUTES  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Monday, June 3, 2013  
7:30 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, Commander Diane Davis, Michelle Masoncup, Douglas Gaynor

Presiding Member: Ald. Braithwaite

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Braithwaite called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of MAY 6, 2013
It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved 5-0.

Citizen Comments
Mayor Tisdahl spoke to the committee and stated Evanston is lucky to have a wonderful arts community and urged them to send the Piven Theater Workshop agenda item to the full council to be debated.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
Review of Police Complaints
The report was accepted by the committee 5-0.
Commander Davis stated one of her first tasks assigned by Chief Eddington upon her taking charge of the Office of Professional Standards was to streamline the complaint process which took approximately four to five months from beginning to completion. Only the reviewing process was reviewed the investigation process was not streamlined. The new process takes approximately 14 days from beginning to resolution. Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presented.
Police Complaints accepted.

Assessor Bonnie Wilson’s report
The report was accepted by the committee 5-0.
Presentation regarding the Ridgeville Park Consortium group

Ridgeville Park District Commissioners Dan Coin and Dan Baty spoke to the committee as private citizens on what they believe to be institutional racism at Ridgeville. They formed the Ridgeville Park Consortium Group and its members are reviewing three areas. Two of those goals have been accomplished so far. They have taken a look at the services at the District and are developing new collaborative relationships with various leaders and agencies. They are asking the Committee to embrace what they are doing and would like to come back in January to report to the Committee on their progress.

Mr. Baty is excited to work with the various agencies and looks forward to reporting back to the Committee and making things better.

An update from Brinshore Development on NSP-2 Emerson Square Project was given.

Brimshore Development is making tremendous progress on the Emerson Square project. The project resides on 2.3 acres with 32 units; there is a beautiful presentation to the street, community gardens and a park. Pre-leasing process started on March 2013.

- 7 units set aside for Housing Authority
- 4 units for IHDA State Referral Network
- 298 pre-application received (46% City of Evanston residents)
- 33 lease application received (53% City of Evanston residents)
- 2 applications rejected
- 25 out of 32 units pre-leased (48% City of Evanston residents)
- 25 leases have been executed

Occupancy should begin June 2013 pending HUD occupancy approval

There are four levels of the review process

1. Criminal background check (felonies are a disqualifier)
2. Income check
3. Drug testing
4. Home inspection

Application fee is $75.00 of which $40 is refunded if the drug test is positive. A drug test is administered annually at the time of the lease renewal.

Citizen Comments

Paul Boynton 2150 Ashland, an Evanston concrete business owner felt Evanston concrete contractors are not being fairly considered for NSP project bidding with Brinshore.

Priscilla Giles 1829 Ashland felt the Emerson Square Project will cause the area to be further congested; “this was not the project to foster community stability”.

Betty Ester, 2131 Church asked 1. What are the funding sources for this project 2. What is the amount of the project and 3. What is the estimated property tax? The Chair responded that a staff member would research the information and get back to her with an answer.

Seth Freeman, 1427 Wesley was concerned that an electronic key fob was an easy way to lock a tenant out; who controls that process. It bugged him that all felony was considered instead he suggested non-violence felonies should not go against an applicant.
Patricia Hunt 1828 Grey has a serious problem with Brinshore; she has asked them to place a
gate in her front yard and a fence in the back because her yard is being used as a passage for
police chases with no positive result. Brinshore told her they did not have the funds to
accommodate her request. They have instructed her to call 911 for assistance when she
witness intruders on her property. The Chair instructed someone from Staff to speak to Ms.
Hunt to assist her so she will feel safer in her home.

Bennett Johnson 708 Washington St. stated the city is not about buildings, it’s about people. He
would like someone to make Brinshore employ Evanston residents and contractors because the
streets are in disarray because the kids are unemployed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Township of Evanston May 2013 Monthly Bills
It was moved and seconded to approve the Township of Evanston April 2013 monthly
bills. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.

Assessor Wilson gave her report, see attached.

Recommendation for Mural Project by the Youth Job Center
It was moved and seconded to recommend approval the Mural Project by the Youth Job
Center. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.

Ordinance 43-0-13 Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Lease and
Construction Agreement with Piven Theater Workshop “
It was moved and seconded to forward to City Council without recommendation. A voice
vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz gave an update on the Piven Theater Negotiations and rent
payments.

Citizen Comment
Citizens spoke in favor and against the Piven Theater Workshop see attachments for some of
their comments

Resolution 8-R-13 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment of a Lease
Agreement with Piven Theatre Workshop, Inc
It was moved and seconded to forward to City Council without recommendation. A voice
vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT
It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary, Health Department