MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, June 4, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Nicola Whyte, Wally Bobkiewicz, Bob Dorneker, Douglas Gaynor, Evonda Thomas, Commander Aretha Hartley, Godwin Chen

Presiding Member: Ald. Tendam

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Tendam called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of MAY 7, 2012
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved 5-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of Police Complaints
No questions from the committee

Policy/criteria for naming public places and designating honorary street name signs
The committee discussed historical plaques to signify milestones such as anniversary of an organization which would be adhered to the building permanently. Ald. Fiske asked staff to speak to the Preservation Commission on historical markers; also, the committee asked staff to review how other cities handle historical plaques.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Township of Evanston May 2012 Monthly Bills
It was moved and seconded to approve the Township of Evanston May 2012 bills. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved 5-0.

Ms. Ester asked 1) which fund will be paying for the Township audit Town Fund or the City’s General Fund 2) will there be an open discussion about the new Board’s resolution and moves which the Board of Trustees are setting up before they are implemented?
City Manager Bobkiewicz stated the Township Board direction to him was to move forward on a Request for Proposal on the audit, he hopes to return to the Board at the August meeting with the results of the Request for Proposal.

The Township Assessor Bonnie Wilson reported on the Assessor’s office activities for the month.

**Recommendation for Justin Wynn Fund 25th Anniversary Mural**

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation for Justin Wynn Fund 25th Anniversary Mural. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.

**Recommendation for McGaw YMCA Children’s Center Mural**

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation for McGaw YMCA Children’s Center Mural. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.

**Resolution 39-R-12 Authorizing the City Manager to Adjust Tenant Lease Conditions at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center as of January 1, 2013, Addressing Funding of Future Capital Projects at the Center and Recognition of Noyes Tenants Association**

City Manager Bobkiewicz has been in discussions with the tenants of the Noyes Cultural Arts Center for a year and it was concluded that a change is needed for sustainability of the building and the arts, the Piven Workshop decided during those conversations to make a long term commitment via a substantial financial contribution to the Center.

The proposed Resolution 39-R-12

- acknowledges the newly formed Noyes Tenants Association which consists of seven member; the board members has staggered term,
- changes to the tenants lease conditions,
- the ability to sublease is being added,
- additional funds will be made available for capital projects for the entire building which is in additional to Piven’s contribution, and
- a declaration of a rent increase in 2013.

It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 39-R-12 Authorizing the City Manager to Adjust Tenant Lease Conditions at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center as of January 1, 2013, Addressing Funding of Future Capital Projects at the Center and Recognition of Noyes Tenants Association. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.

**Citizen Comment:**

Betty Sue Ester 2031 Church St. highlighted a date discrepancy on page 8 of the Review of Police Complaints CR11-12 Wrongful Arrest with an Initiated Date of 12-19-12. She also commented on the Complaint information which is normally blackened out on the Complaint Register Form to secure privacy were still visible; more care should be taken when completing this process. Complaint DI11-33 happens to be Ms. Ester’s complaint and she stated she did not reference, write or speak the following observation regarding abuse of power from the Patrol Sergeant located on page 11 under **Findings Sergeant** “There is no victim in
this investigation, observed the Patrol Sergeant; Rather, the Complainant is a bystander who witnessed what she perceived to be an abuse of power, one that for her was exacerbated by its involving the search of a person’s crotch area, an act she personally found offensive.”

Faye Kaiser is a tenant of the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, her studio is The Voice. She thanked Wally for helping form the tenant’s board which gives them the power to work with the Piven Workshop and the City in voicing their concerns. Ms. Kaiser proposed both the Tenant’s Board and the Piven Board work together on the needs of the tenants.

Leslie Brown Executive Director of Piven Theater Workshop presented a PowerPoint slides which highlighted their proposal for expansion.

In the revised proposal Piven Theater
- would take up less square footage by vacating the basement,
- Fleetwood would remain,
- a Black Box theater with five configuration would be installed,
- an accessible entrance would be installed,
- community patio;
- on the second floor there would be unified classroom spaces with track lighting and seating.

The expansion and updates to the Noyes Cultural Arts Center will result in an investment from Piven Workshop of upwards of three million dollars for capital projects.

Sara Piepmeier has been a tenant at the Noyes Arts Center since 1995. She supports the Piven proposal for upgrades; however, she does not support the Piven Workshop taking over all the premier space which includes studios with good light and access to water that are needed by artists. She hopes the Boards will continue to discuss the best possible solution for all.

Ken Arlen see attachment A

Larry Distasi is the Co-Artistic Director for the Actors Gymnasium Circus and Preforming Arts School located at the Noyes Center. He supports the Piven’s expansion plan; however, he asked that the negotiations be done with care and consideration because a middle ground can be reached to accommodate the displaced artists.

Jennifer Avery, Artistic Director of Next a 31 year resident of Noyes Center supports the Piven's expansion and updates.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**
It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary, Health Department