Members Present: Alderman Fiske, Alderman Grover, Alderman Holmes, Alderman Tendam
Members Absent: Alderman Braithwaite, Alderman Burrus
Staff Present: Commander Diane Davis, Henry Ford, Joseph McRae, Melissa Parker, Marty Lyons Erika Storlie, Jessica Wingader
Presiding Member: Alderman Holmes

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM
   With a quorum present, Madam Chair Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2014
   Alderman Grover moved approval. Alderman Tendam seconded. A voice vote was taken to approve the May 5, 2014 minutes and it was approved 4-0.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
   Controlled Substances
   Citizen Comments
   Marko Pavisic – Thanked the committee and stated that the City of Evanston has already taken significant steps towards better substance control policies with the approval 10 gram decriminalization. Since the implication of this ordinance 40 fewer people are incarcerated each year. Progressive policies don't condone drug use but recognize that incarceration is not an effective solution. Other effective solutions include naloxone programs, needle exchanges, subsidized methadone, require pharmacies to dispose of biohazard waste, Evanston police and fire departments can provide retractable syringes with 1cc of naloxone to prevent overdose deaths. I learned about these solutions as a volunteer for the Chicago Recovery Alliance, HIV and Overdose Prevention Program. Additionally, when people are provided with opportunities to make positive changes, they often do so. At minimum the city should remove the incarceration penalty and paraphernalia ordinance entirely so that individuals can take positive steps to improving lives and improving community. Thank you.

HH1 Controlled Substances
   Alderman Holmes thanked Mr. Pavisic for his comments.

   Alderman Fiske referred back to committee and requested comments from Evonda Thomas-Smith, Director of the Health Department, who was not present.
Erika Storlie, Deputy City Manager, stated that there was a brief memo in the packet regarding policies in Europe.

Alderman Fiske thanked Mr. Pavisic for his eloquent comments, his concern and commitment and for his willingness to bring this information to the attention of the Committee. She stated that she would like input from police Chief and others on a City level on how drugs reach people and how they touch the lives of individuals and families.

Alderman Holmes highlighted a memo stating that the arrest declined by 46%, which is great. 69% of now result in tickets instead of arrests.

Alderman Grover suggested that the City review the stated penalties within the ordinance for possession of drug paraphernalia. She further stated that residents and organizations would be interested in commenting on any proposed changes to the ordinance. Some of the organizations she identified were the Evanston Substance Abuse Council, Kate Mahoney and Peer Services. Kate Mahoney had made contributions to the discussion of the decriminalization of possession fewer than 10 grams three years ago. She expressed it would be important to get copies of pertinent ordinances, and additional commentary from stakeholders including City of Evanston Police Chief, Health Director, and outside organizations.

Alderman Tendam pointed out that when the ordinance was passed to decriminalize, the Evanston Substance Abuse Counsel at Evanston Township High School felt that the City could have communicated that it wasn’t an endorsement or lack of law regarding the use of marijuana. The measure had more to do with the City’s judiciary process. The City needs to be clear that drugs and alcohol are still harmful substances especially if users are predisposed. He does support clean needle exchange and overdose prevention methods and believes that the City could work to incorporate more reduction methods into emergency services and other City services. He cited a needle exchange program called Beehive that was quite successful, but not well known and did not know of other organizations offering those services. He was in support of the services.

Alderman Holmes ask if at the August meeting, Health Director Evonda Thomas-Smith, Chief Eddington and other staff and organizations involved could pull together a report. No other action needed.

V. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HH2 Review of May Police Complaints
Alderman Fiske moved to accept. Alderman Grover seconded. A voice vote was taken to accept the Police Complaints 4-0.

HH3 Consideration of Mayoral Recommendations for City Involvement in Cradle to Career Initiative

Citizen Comment
Jeanne Lindwall spoke in support of the City’s involvement and $50,000 contribution to city planning.

Joseph McRae, DePuty City Manager & Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, presented a memo authored by the Mayor and drafted by him. He indicated what needed to be considered to participate in the Cradles to Careers initiative:
1. A council member serve on the planning committee which would be Alderman Holmes.
2. Steering committee would include City council representative
3. The Steering committee should include a member of the targeted population
4. Northwestern serve as a collector of data for the initiative
5. City would have input on the data and metrics and all data would be made public and accessible to all involved parties.

Those points concluded the Mayor’s comments and Mr. McRae asked for direction from the committee on next steps and how to proceed with the initiative. Members from the planning committee were present.

Alderman Fiske indicated she would like to move forward. She stated that it is the single best program she has seen and very much needed at a reasonable cost. Additionally, she heard what Ms. Lindwall said in terms of using Northwestern to collect data but not as the sole entity to interpret the data. She hopes to support and send to council.

Alderman Grover agreed with all of the comments and the recommendations are all in line with previous discussions within the council. The guidelines proposed by Mr. McRae and Mayor Tisdahl aren’t strict rules and Alderman Grover would like to move the issue back to council with the Mayor’s recommendations.

Alderman Tendam also supported the initiative and the University’s involvement. He believes that the University, as an outside entity, plays an important role. Alderman Tendam seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and approved 4-0.

**HH4 Approval of Sublease Amendment to the Evanston Wilmette Golf Course Board Lease**

Alderman Grover moved to approve. Alderman Tendam seconded. A voice vote was taken to approve the Sublease Amendment 4-0.

### VI. COMMUNICATION

**New business**

Alderman Fiske wanted to comment on the Evanston Animal Shelter, she visited the shelter and found that the volunteers and Animal Warden were doing a fantastic job. A large number of animals have been adopted and/or placed in foster homes, the facility is clean and welcoming and she couldn’t be prouder. She hopes that the volunteers walk in the 4th of July parade.

Alderman Tendam also talked to a number of volunteers and the feedback was all good. The relationship between the volunteers, the City and the Police Department was improved and the facility had a general clean up and clean out. He is looking forward to the ability to partner with other organizations to further improve the shelter.

Ms. Storlie introduced Jessica Wingader who will be joining the committee in place of Melissa Parker who has moved to a position in the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Division.

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Fiske moved to adjourn. Alderman Grover Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Parker