



Approved May 6, 2019

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Monday March 4, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston IL, Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Alderman Fleming, Alderman Revelle, Alderman Rue-Simmons, Alderman Fiske

**Members not Present:** Alderman Braithwaite

**Staff Present:** Nicola Whyte, Lawrence Hemingway, Kumar Jensen, Kevin Brown, Sharon Johnson Demitrous Cook, Hugh DuBose, and Wally Bobkiewicz

**Presiding Member:** Alderman Rue Simmons

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### **CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Ald. Fleming called the meeting to order at 6:12p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF February 4, 2019**

*Alderman Revelle moved approval, Alderman Fleming seconded; approved 4-0*

#### Citizen Comments

*Karen Courtright* a member of the Police Complaint Assessment Committee said the following can be done at no cost: Allow the intake of citizen complaints to take place in other facilities outside of the Evanston Police Department (EPD): the complaints can be received by senior leadership above the first level and by non-EPD staff: create charter for new civilian review board.

*Doreen Price* supports the Rebuilding Warehouse Pathways to Union Apprenticeship Program.

*Corinne Clarkson* supports having a dog beach, she shared an article from the February 28, 2019 Chicago Tribune "Chicago is sinking. Here's what that means for Lake Michigan and the Midwest".

*Brie Noel* held a fund raiser called The Bow Party in which she sold hair bows in support of homelessness and presented Evanston Own It with a check for \$100.

*Read by Ald. Rue Simmons:* To all the Human Services Committee members. My name is Karen Perlia and I'm a lifetime Evanston resident. I've lived in the 8th ward for 25 years. Along with my husband (Louis) we run a Evanston Dog beach FB page. We like to keep people informed and share pictures of the dog beach and other dog issues.

Please consider when hearing about the update on the dog beach, that there are many of us

who want a dog beach this summer.

If not in the current location, north of the boat dock, then please consider Lincoln street beach. Lincoln street beach is Evanston owned beach property that was not utilized as much by beach patrons last year. I believe strongly that by making Lincoln Street Beach the new dog beach location it would be welcomed and used!

I remind you all, that the dog beach is very lucrative for the city of Evanston. It can bring in \$40,000 or more.

I am not wanting to sit through a 3 hour committee meeting or rally the troops, until I know where the city of Evanston stands on this matter. But I assure you that there are many of us Evanston, and nearby suburbs that would like a dog beach to go to in Evanston. So I urge those on this committee to consider this seriously.

*Kathleen Angeman* supports having a dog beach

### **2019 Special Events in City Parks**

Staff recommends approval of the 2019 special events proposed in city parks, contingent upon compliance of all requirements as set forth by the Special Event Policy & Guidelines. This year's calendar includes one new park event (1 Million Steps for OCD Walk).

#### **For Action**

*Alderman Fleming moved approval, Alderman Revelle seconded: approved 4-0*

- If an organizer does not pay for the event that event is not brought to the committee for approval.
- Organizers can request additional trash containers for a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for ten (five trash and five recycling)
- Composting is not available for special events at this time
- Loud speakers are available until 10 pm
- Polar Plunge has moved back to Northwestern

### **Resolution 15-R-19, Designating the Portion of Church Street between Hartrey Avenue and Grey Avenue with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Tina Lifford Way"**

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board recommend adoption of Resolution 15-R-19, naming the portion of Church Street between Hartrey Avenue and Grey Avenue with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Tina Lifford Way"

#### **For Action**

*Alderman Revelle moved approval, Alderman Fiske second; approved 4-0*

### **Resolution 16- R-19 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Twenty Four Month Lease Agreements for Music Studio Space at the Gibbs Morrison Cultural Center**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 16-R-19 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for twenty-four (24) month lease terms with Avengerz Music Group LLC

#### **For Action**

*Alderman Fiske moved approval, Alderman Fleming second; approved 3-0 (Alderman Rue Simmons abstained)*

### **Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse Pathways to Union Apprenticeship Program Proposal**

The Minority, Women, and Evanston Based Enterprise (MWEBE) Development Committee recommends approval of the proposed Pathways to Union Apprenticeship Program with Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse (ERW) and Minority Business Consortium (MBC). It is

recommended Human Services Committee approve allocations of \$40,000 during 2019 which will provide strong pathway for six (6) Evanston residents to access union apprenticeship programs.

**For Action**

*Alderman Fleming moved approval, Alderman Fiske second; approved 4-0*

Ann Nicklin, Director of Workforce Training and Deconstruction Services, Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse gave a brief update on the program which will pay 10 workers from a fund of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) and thirty (30) residents will be trained.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Hillard Heinze Report**

Police Chief Cook went through the six findings from the Hillard Heinze report and gave his opinion of each item to the committee.

**Police Complaint Assessment Committee Recommendations**

Ald. Fleming asked if the complaint intake was available at the Civic Center. Currently complaint forms are available at the police station and online.

The Chief believes it is not the responsibility of OPS to explain an officer's behavior at meetings that should be the responsibility of the officers' supervisors. He hopes the recommendation fosters a greater level of accountable among supervisors.

**Climate Action and Resilience Plan Implementation Strategy (2019-2020) Update**

Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer Kumar Jensen updated the committee on the Climate Action and Resilience Plan Implementation Strategy CARP (2019-2020). There are six criteria and an implementation cycle ranging from 2019-2025. There are twenty eight implementation actions for 2019 and fifteen for 2020 involving several city departments. To date fourteen actions are in progress, including one from 2020.

There are three guiding principles: Equity, Outcome and Cost-Effective and Affordable.

Sustain Evanston a 2.5 month pilot program will offer participants \$350.

The third action calls for affordable resilient net-zero homes emission building codes for all buildings by 2030 and to remove barriers to be able to afford net-zero homes.

**Discussion of lakefront special events with no connection to Evanston nonprofit**

Alderman Fiske is concerned about the profit making group who identify local partners at organized events. She asked for a breakdown of who are the organizations, the organization structure, what percentage of the revenue raise do they take and how much of the revenue goes to the local organization. Director Lawrence will work with the agencies to ascertain the requests. The request is not limited to just lakefront activities.

**Youth and Young Adult Division Update**

Kevin Brown Community Services Manager gave an update on the Youth and Young Adult Division. The division models encompasses community mobilization, opportunities provision, social intervention, suppression which includes case management and monitoring at-risk and gang involved individual and organizational change and development.

Business Diversity Compliance Officer Sharon Johnson works with approximately 12 unions to assist and prepare participants to be job ready. She noted one challenge is see frequently are the need for participants to refresh their math skills. Math will make the participants apprentice ready to be union ready for available jobs.

### **Update on Dog Beach**

Park Recreation and Community Service Director Lawrence Hemingway gave a historical picture of the water levels. It showed in the early 1990 the water level was high at the beginning of 2000's the water level receded and which lasted for 15 years. It is unknown how long the water levels will remain high. All of the projections indicate the water levels will be high for 2019 therefore the dog beach will not be available.

In order to use the dog beach all dogs immunizations have to be up to date.

### **ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION**

Ald. Rue Simmons thanked the children at Family Focus program that sent in hand written notes. They were thankful for the opportunity to attend a black history performance at Fleetwood Jourdain on February 19.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Unanimously approved, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicola Whyte  
Administrative Lead