



Approved 9-4-19

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday June 3, 2019

7:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Alderman Fleming, Alderman Revelle, Alderman Rue Simmons, Alderman Braithwaite

Members not Present: Alderman Fiske

Staff Present: Kimberly Richardson, Victoria Benson, Ike Ogbo, Paulina Martinez, Indira Perkins, Jodi Hart

Presiding Member: Alderman Rue Simmons

CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Ald. Rue Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF May 6, 2019

The meeting minutes were moved by Alderman Braithwaite; Alderman Fleming seconded; approved 4-0

Citizen Comments

Kathryn Jackson- Bradley daughter of Ernest W. Jackson spoke of her dad's contribution to his community. Mr. Jackson moved to Evanston in 1958 with the notion to "work a lot, make money" and return to the family farm in Alabama; fifty five years later he still lives in Evanston. Ms. Bradley says her dad is a forward-thinker, he thinks about the next generation which is why he helped build Penny Park. He exemplifies what Evanston stands for.

Ms. Bradley supports the proposed Resolution to designate her dad Ernest W. Jackson with an honorary street name.

Amy Nedoss supports of the honorary street sign for Ernest W. Jackson Way. Mr. Jackson presence is felt on that corner and he is a lighthouse keeper watching over the neighborhood.

Cameron Ellis supports of the honorary street sign for Ernest W. Jackson Way. Mr. Ellis feels Mr. Jackson is the anchor and ambassador of the neighborhood. It is an honor and an education to know Mr. Jackson.

Linda Del Bosque, Editor-in-Chief of Evanston Woman Magazine believes the City's resources to Latinos who lives in Evanston are limited. She asked and found out the City does not have a translator and suggest in the next year budget having a translator or department for the growing Latino population.

Doreen Price does not believe the question Alderman Rue Simmons posed in the Rules Committee was answered regarding including diversity training during ethics conversation. She supports the equity diversity training.

Karen Courtright spoke on the topic brought up by Linda Del Bosque, limited resources for Latinos. Ms. Courtright believes there should be proper translation services for official city business and routine matters because it shows respect.

Resolution 46-R-19, Designating the Portion of Lake Street between Florence Avenue and Dewey Avenue with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Ernest W. Jackson Way”

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board recommend adoption of Resolution 46-R-19, naming the portion of Lake Street between Florence Avenue and Dewey Avenue with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Ernest W. Jackson Way”.

For Action

Alderman Braithwaite moved approval; Alderman Revelle seconded. Approved 4-0

Corrections will be made to the street designating to be portion of Lake Street between Florence Avenue and Greenwood Avenue will be made before sending to City Council for approval.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of Police Complaint

CR 19-01 was held at the complainant request; they would like to speak during citizen comments.

ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

General Assistance Update

Indira Perkins Public Health Manager extended an open invitation to the alderpersons to meet and chat with the General Assistance clients. Alderman Fleming met with some of the clients of the programs and she felt it was enlightening. Several of them mentioned they would like to work and they were thankful for the assistance.

Rodent Control Update

Alderman Braithwaite mentioned his constituents rodent concerns numbers are going down. He thanked the Health and Human Services staff on a job well done.

Limited English Language Access Policy Update

Paulina Martinez Assistant to the City Manager started there is a list of staff members who speak a second language. The only department who has a written policy is the police department. Alderman Rue Simmons encourages non speaking residents to engage with the City so that the language need can be noted.

Currently, there are no materials that are translated into another language; it is on an as needed basis.

Alderman Fleming felt the basic forms such as camp forms should be translated and readily available.

Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager stated having staff available to interact with the language being spoken is being reviewed.

Hiring Process/ Training of Administrative Hearing Officers

A racial bias on a parking ticket ruling was brought to Alderman Rue Simmons and so she asked for clarification. Kimberly Richardson stated the hiring process and training is laid out in the City Codes and an amendment is needed to change the hiring process as described.

Staff is looking at training on filters on implicit bias and micro aggression; the hearing officers have to be conscious of their filter and be impartial.

Alderman Fleming would like to see a report that shows how the rulings are per judge.

ADJOURNMENT

Unanimously approved, meeting adjourned at 8: 27p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicola Whyte
Administrative Lead