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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday May 6, 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, Alderman Braithwaite

Members not Present:

Staff Present: Kimberly Richardson, Ike Ogbo, Victoria Benson, Karen Danczak-Lyons, Michelle Smith

Presiding Member: Alderman Rue Simmons

CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Ald. Rue Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF March 4, 2019

The meeting minutes were moved by Alderman Fiske; Alderman Braithwaite seconded; approved 5-0

Citizens Comments

Barbara Janes spoke in favor of making Lincoln Street a dog beach not a human beach. It is her believe that the dog beach brings a sizeable profit to the City.

Corrin Clarkson says the Wilmette and Winnetka dog beach is costly; she is in favor of the Lincoln Street beach being a dog beach.

Karen Courtright -In the most recent issue of the newsletter *In the Squad Room*, there was a link to the Illinois Association Chiefs of Police "Shared Principals." Chief Cook called attention to the principles at the weekly deployment meeting. I appreciate the Chief's commitment to these principles and his expectation that his police force will know and follow them.

Our current Citizen Police Advisory Committee could make an important step to be in compliance with one of the Shared Principles which states: "5. We endorse the four pillars of procedural justice, which are fairness, voice (i.e., an opportunity for citizens and police to believe they are heard), **transparency [emphasis by the author]**, and impartiality." Currently, the meetings of CPAC are noticed according only to the minimum requirement of positing the notice on the day of the meeting in the building

where the meeting is to occur, which does not seem to adhere to the concept of transparency as practiced for other City committee meetings.

Other than CPAC, all other city committee meetings, to the best of my knowledge, adhere to their posted schedule and can be alerted so that citizens may receive an email a few days prior to the meeting. Here is what the web page for CPAC says: [The committee meets Monthly on the 2nd Wednesday *or on a timeline determined by the committee*. This appears to violate the Illinois Open Meetings Act which states that the City must notice 48 hours in advance when a meeting is called (or cancelled) that is other than the published meeting scheduled.

I am asking the Chief and the HSC to advise Staff to make it possible to be alerted by email (or text) of upcoming CPAC meetings and to post the minutes of their meetings.

PRESENTATIONS

Evanston Animal Shelter Associations showed a video of their successes throughout the years.

Ald. Fiske and Ald. Braithwaite thanked the members for their hard work

Toby Sacks member of the Arts Council-updated the committee on the Arts Council. There was a retreat held in April that was fruitful in developing three goals going forward, Advocacy, Granting and Advising

Advocacy creates connection with arts and business community and council; Granting raising the profile of opportunities so that all feel welcome to apply and feel comfortable with the process and finding alternative funding source; Advising effective advisors to council.

He thanked Kimberly Richardson and Paulina Martinez on their excellent assistance.

They would like to reinstate the Arts Lunches in the Fall, currently reviewing 20 grants proposals. They plan on attending all wards meeting and to attend as much cultural arts programs as possible.

Social Services

Kimberly Richardson Deputy City Manager updated the committee on her review of the current social services currently provided by the City of Evanston.

There is twelve staff from Parks and Recreation, Health and Human Services, Community Development, Library and the City Manager's Office that makes up the Social Services Core Committee.

The committee has guiding principles to guide them through the seven step process.

The committee thanked her for the work on this project.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Evanston Animal Shelter Association Contract Renewal

Renewal of the contract between the City of Evanston and the Evanston Animal Shelter Association (EASA)

For Action

Ald. Fiske moved approval Ald. Braithwaite seconded; approved 5-0

Evanston Animal Shelter Association Contract Renewal

Renewal of the contract between the City of Evanston and the Volunteer Animal Organization (VAO)

For Action

Ald. Braithwaite moved approval Ald. Fiske seconded; approved 5-0

159-O-18 AN ORDINANCE Amending Portions of the City Code Incorporating Restorative Justice Practices for Minors

Ordinance 159-O-18, Amending Portions of the City Code Incorporating Restorative Justice Practices for Minors

For Action

Ald. Fisk moved approval, Ald. Braithwaite seconded; approved 5-0

Alderman Braithwaite thanked his peers, staff and community members who worked to bring this ordinance forward. Patrick Keenan-Devlin Executive Director of the Moran Center for Youth Advocacy thanked his staff Asa Gezelius has been leading the City of Evanston Diversion Program for both cannabis and curfew and she has help many young people over the years.

The ordinance gives adults the option of community service; it provides confidentiality to juveniles with records housed at the City of Evanston; creates a private and confidential hearing for juveniles.

Youth hearings are not currently video recorded but voice recorded for transcription purposes. Juvenile records are not FOIA; the proceeding is protected by the Juvenile Act.

68-R-18 A RESOLUTION In Support of Employing Administrative Adjudication as an Alternative to the Criminal Justice System for Juveniles

The Alternatives to Arrest Committee recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 68-R-18, In Support of Employing Administrative Adjudication as an Alternative to the Criminal Justice System for Juveniles

For Action

Ald. Braithwaite moved approval, Ald. Fisk seconded; approved 5-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of Police Complaints

Three complaints were reviewed

Alderman Rue-Simmons requested making available the video for DI 18-12 for executive session viewing at a later date.

ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

We're Out Walking (WOW) Program Kickoff Celebration

12th Annual WOW Program Opening Celebration is on June 15th at ETHS from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Unanimously approved, meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicola Whyte
Administrative Lead