
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Friday, February 19, 2021 1:30 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Teleconference

Commission Members: Charlie Woodcock, Loyd Platson,
Doug Osborne, Denise Ewing, Cecilia Dumouchel
Crystal Duncan (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woodcock called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Charlie Woodcock (teleconference), Loyd Platson (teleconference),
Doug Osborne (teleconference), Cecilia Dumouchel (teleconference)
Commissioners Absent: Denise Ewing (unexcused)
Assembly Liaison: Crystal Duncan (teleconference)
Staff: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw (teleconference)

III. CORRESPONDENCE / AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 14, 2021

**M - Platson/ S - Osborne moved to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes as written.
The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

VI. REPORTS

Chair - Woodcock reported YAS was working toward opening their transitional living program by the summer with a minimum of five beds for homeless and transitional youth.

Commissioners - Osborne shared that there was a large industrial composter in town that needed a new home. He told of the Building for Belonging group and that Lincoln Street was not up to ADA code and gave history of the Lincoln Street project.

Assembly Liaison - Duncan reported that Sitkans age 16 and older could get the COVID-19 vaccine through SEARHC. She stated the Climate Action Task Force met for the first time. She told that the Assembly approved the Municipal Administrator to apply for a grant for a NREL energy transitions initiative partnership project. She stated at the next Assembly meeting, there would be a proclamation supporting public awareness on the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, relatives, persons, and other local citizens along with a run tomorrow to raise awareness.

City Staff - The Climate Action Task Force held their first meeting. They will be meeting twice a month and first task would be to review the 2010 climate action plan along with other plans from different communities/entities. They had mentioned the following areas to investigate technology, transport, permitting/building, electric, heating, funding, waste, and small businesses.

Other: None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. 2021 Goals

Dumouchel shared her proposed goals that included COVID-19 vaccine efforts, flu shot education, and insurance navigation education. Woodcock told of his themes he felt relevant of social justice, COVID-19, and teen mental health. Osborne told of his goal topics of supporting a Local Truth and Reconciliation Committee, support a charrette with Alaska Day and Reconciliation Day stakeholders working together, creating a People of the Global Majority Health report, and active transportation to everyday destinations. Platson was still interested in substance misuse and continuing the efforts of social justice.

Duncan relayed topics she has heard from the community of homelessness and shelter for and a detox center. The commission looked at the county health ranking. Osborne added the community garden, composting, climate/food. Platson felt the composting goal could be achievable.

Commissioners agreed to have broad goals and then come up with a SMART goal between now and the next meeting among the following topic areas: One goal surrounding the pandemic, one for social justice, teen health, food security including community composting and community garden, supporting active transportation and safe public roadways.

C. Food waste, food security, and composting

Not discussed.

D. Address substance misuse especially regarding drinking in youth

Not discussed.

E. Support creation of a collective impact board

Not discussed.

F. Public Policy (Three-foot bike clearance)

Not discussed.

G. Meeting dates and time

M - Osborne/ S - Platson moved for the Health Needs and Human Services Commission to meet the third Wednesday of the month at noon. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

H. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

M - Osborne/ S - Platson moved to nominate Charlie Woodcock and Cecilia Dumouchel as Vice Chair. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting was scheduled for March 17th at noon, Harrigan Centennial Hall.

M - Platson / S - Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the

meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk