



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 11, 2023
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer, Vice-Chair Tricia Serlin, Commissioners Roger Lurie and Stuart Turgel

ABSENT: Commissioners Jeff Jameson, Patrick Dodds, and Mary Jung

STAFF: Greg Bestgen, Director; Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor; Jessica Rapp, Human Services Operations Supervisor; Julia Bautista, Human Services Representative; Nakota Cini, Human Services Representative; Jennifer Crane, Community Grants Specialist; Vania Torres; Administrative Secretary; Rachel Smetana, Human Services Manager; Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager; Mike Lopach Human Services Manager;

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 27, 2023 HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER TURGEL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR

SEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, AND COMMISSIONERS LURIE AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Human Services Special Programs and Special Event Updates

Jessica Rapp, Human Services Operations Supervisor, gave a brief overview of family and senior programs, including the Beat-the-Heat program, Adopt-a-Senior program, Back-to-School, and Adopt-a-Family program. She noted that they recently received a \$5,000 donation from the non-profit Neighbors Helping Neighbors to help cover the cost of the grocery gift cards for Beat-the-Heat. In partnership with Scottsdale police and fire departments, the City will be hosting a community fill-a-cruiser event on May 18th at Granite Reef Senior Center. Ms. Cini and Ms. Bautista will be attending the summer concert series at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park this weekend to promote programs and raise awareness.

Nakota Cini, Human Services Representative, said that approximately 110 homebound seniors participated in the Beat-the-Heat program this year. The City works to provide seniors with hygiene and snack items and the Human Services team takes the opportunity to assess the well-being of the seniors. Approximately 350 income-eligible Scottsdale seniors participated in the Adopt-a-Senior program, each providing a wish list of items filled by an anonymous sponsor.

Julia Bautista, Human Services Representative, said that 803 K-12 students were served as part of the Back-to-School program last year; they hope to reach 1000 students this year. The City will work in partnership with Scottsdale Community Partners to provide income-eligible students with an opportunity to "shop" for back-to-school supplies on July 19, 2023. The Adopt-a-Family program assists income-eligible families during Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Families are matched with a sponsor who provides food, grocery gift cards, and gifts for the families and children.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Staff indicated that yes, there could be an opportunity to connect seniors enrolled in the Beat-the-Heat program with the Operation Fix-It program. Ms. Cini said that Beat-the-Heat donations time period ends May 26th and deliveries will be the first week of June. The program is most in need of water and hygiene products. Commissioners expressed interest in participating with Beat-the-Heat deliveries.

3. Summer Break Discussion

Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director, surveyed the Commission about their desire to take the summer months off. He noted that he would provide periodic updates throughout the summer.

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO TABLE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST OF 2023. VICE-CHAIR SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN AND COMMISSIONERS LURIE AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Scottsdale Agency Tours

Director Bestgen recommend that the Commission tour Save the Family. He said that he would survey commissioners regarding a date and each Commissioner would provide their own transportation to meet at the facility. He said that he would be happy to meet at any time with commissioners individually to tour City sites.

5. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Future Meeting agenda items could include:

- Communication strategies
- The Funding process

Director Bestgen said that a tentative meeting calendar for the upcoming year will be sent out to Commissioners in the next few weeks.

Chair Shearer noted that the Commission's FY 2023/24 funding recommendations would be on the June 27, 2023 City Council Consent agenda.

6. Adjournment

VICE-CHAIR SERLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER TURGEL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SEARER, VICE-CHAIR SERLIN, COMMISSIONERS LURIE, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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