



MINUTES

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 2016
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251**

PRESENT:

Raoul Zubia, Chairman/Commissioner
Dustin Thomas, Vice-Chairman/Chairman
Marty Day, Commissioner/Vice Chair
Donald Nordlund, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner
Josina Tishler, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Janice Eng, Commissioner

STAFF:

Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director
Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance & Paiute Center Manager
Neal Hallihan, Human Services Manager
Joanne Meierdirks, Human Services Coordinator
Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager

OTHERS:

Troy Allen, Florence Crittenton
Mark Holleran, CEO of Central Arizona Shelter Services
Ted Taylor, Executive Director of Family Promise

Call to Order:

Chairman Zubia called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Rollcall:

Members were present as listed above.

1. Approval of the December 10, 2015 Minutes—Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONER DAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING AS PRESENTED. VICE-CHAIRMAN THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER ENG WAS ABSENT.

2. Election of Officers

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN NOMINATED DUSTIN THOMAS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN ZUBIA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER ENG WAS ABSENT.

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN NOMINATED MARTY DAY FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION. COMMISSIONER TISHLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER ENG WAS ABSENT.

Chair Thomas chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of Human Services Commission 2015 Annual Report

Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director, presented the 2015 Annual Report.

COMMISSIONER ZUBIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. VICE CHAIR DAY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER ENG WAS ABSENT.

4. Homeless Trends for Parenting and Pregnant Teens

Troy Allen from Florence Crittenton gave a presentation discussing issues related to homelessness focusing on homeless parenting and pregnant teens. He talked about concerns relating to homeless pregnant and young mothers who are in need of medical, psychiatric, and emotional care. He noted that there are three levels in the behavioral health system. Level One is a locked facility for individuals on medication; Level Two is a facility where individuals are able to obtain services at the main campus; and Level Three offers housing at a Scottsdale group home and all services are out in the community. One trend is that clients who should be identified as Level Two are being placed as Level Three due to cost constraints. The biggest trend is the lack of mental health and emotional care for teens and prenatal care.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Allen confirmed that individuals are offered the opportunity to attend career fairs and career orientated presentations as well as child care so the individual can attend school. At the age of 18, individuals are able to choose to stay in the program or to exit the program.

5. Homeless Trends for Families

Ted Taylor, Executive Director of Family Promise, discussed issues related to homelessness focusing on trends surrounding homeless families. His presentation included a review of national and local family homelessness statistics. The largest number of individuals considered to be homeless live in a situation of doubled-up families in overcrowded apartments. With the generosity of public and private partnerships, Family Promise last year rescued 14,000 families and less than one percent of their budget was through government funding. Mr. Taylor said that resources should be directed towards innovative childcare and housing solutions.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Taylor confirmed that some states require developers to allocate up to ten percent of their multifamily developments to affordable housing. Arizona does not have an allocation requirement. HUD is focusing on rapid rehousing, which will be the answer to eliminating the waiting list.

6. Homeless Trends for Single Adults

Mark Holleran, CEO of Central Arizona Shelter Services, discussed issues related to homelessness, focusing on homeless adults. His presentation included a review of the CASS rehousing chart; a review of the HEARTH Act, which requires centralization of the evaluation process under SPDAT; Arizona Housing, Inc., which offers affordable housing; the evaluation process; and the negative trickledown effects a rise in minimum wage would have on non-profit organizations' payroll.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Holleran opined that while the Arizona Governor's office is sympathetic to homelessness issues, once education issues are addressed, there will likely be no money left.

7. Staff and Commission Updates

Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director, thanked Commissioner Zubia for his years of compassionate, intelligent and directive leadership of the Commission and offered him the gavel as a gift as a token of appreciation. Commissioners individually thanked Commissioner Zubia for his dedication and expressed a desire to have a dinner in his honor on a date to be determined.

Commissioner Zubia expressed thanks for the kind words and the opportunity to serve on the Human Relations Commission.

Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance & Paiute Center Manager, noted that on Thursday, December 17th, 2015, staff and the Community Assistance Office facilitated an event in collaboration with McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park to raise awareness for the Scottsdale Cares utility donation program. Over the last few years, contributions have diminished significantly and at this event staff raised awareness for the need in the community and raised donations in the amount of \$525.

Ms. Albanese recognized Ana Valadez, who has been promoted to Recreation Leader III at Paiute Neighborhood Center. She will be providing facility support for the non-profits and assisting with administering some of the contracts. Rita Coronado is a new Human Services

Specialist who will be acting in the capacity of a social worker with the Paiute and Community Assistance Office and collaborating with some of the other community centers.

Neal Hallihan, Human Services Manager, gave an update on Adaptive Services programs. He said that the adult community integration programs which include monthly dances, weekly Saturday day programs, and monthly social programs had 140 participants in January. The afterschool programs are currently servicing 60 children with disabilities. Adaptive sports leagues in the winter season include basketball, flag football, special Olympics, and track and field, with approximately 130 Special Olympics athletes participating.

Tim Miluk, Community Services Manager, thanked Commissioner Zubia for his work on the Commission and for leading the group with fairness, dedication and humor. He noted that the All Things Senior Expo and Trade Show is scheduled at the Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts on February 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mr. Miluk talked about the Brown Bag Program, which provides seniors with adequate nutrition throughout the year by offering a brown grocery bag filled with food and drink every Thursday throughout the year. This year, 304 seniors and persons with disabilities were served. He talked about the success of the Adopt-a-Senior program through the holiday season.

Mr. Miluk announced that Kristy Hahn-McDonald will be taking over the position of Human Service Coordinator.

Joanne Meierdirks, Human Services Coordinator, announced that Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council will be hosting a Youth Town Hall on Thursday, January 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will focus on diversity and how it strengthens communities and will be led entirely by Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council members. Sharon Cini, the City's Diversity Liaison, assisted the members in planning the event. Ms. Meierdirks noted that the purpose of the Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council is to keep youth connected to City government and highlight the importance of the youth voice. The event is free to attend for any high school student. Ms. Meierdirks thanked Commissioner Zubia for all of his volunteer activities.

Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director, thanked staff for the energy they put into planning and implementing the holiday programs.

8. Open call to the Public

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

9. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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