



Approved May 14, 2009

## Human Services Commission Regular Meeting

### **SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

5:00 P.M., Thursday, April 30, 2009  
Paiute Neighborhood Center  
6535 E. Osborn Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Hemmingsen called the meeting to order at 4:59PM.

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Kathleen Hemmingsen, Vice-Chair Katherine Weaver, Commissioners Yates, Kelewae, Erickson, Woodward, and Rosenberg

**Staff Present:** Paul Ludwick, Hugh McGill, Philip Ben Hershkowitz, Valerie Kime-Trujillo, Cindy Ensign

#### **1. Approval of the April 9, 2008 Minutes – Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Weaver moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Yates seconded the motion; Approved 7-0.

#### **2. Public Service Ethics Training for Appointed City Officials**

Senior Assistant City Attorney, Jay Osborn, introduced a DVD by City Attorney Deborah Robberson on public service ethics for appointed city officials and explained that a confirmation form verifying the training would need to be filed in the City Clerk's office for each Commissioner.

The Commission viewed the DVD.

Mr. Osborn reminded the Commission that he is always available to answer questions and that all conversations would be subject to attorney client privilege.

#### **3. Presentation by First Things First**

Hazel Chandler, Regional Coordinator for Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership and Diane Fausel, Chair of the Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership, provided information about First Things First. Ms. Chandler stated that the major goal of the organization is to ensure that every child across the state has the opportunity to learn and become healthy, successful, and ready for school. She cited studies that show developmental and socio-economic problems can be alleviated with attention to early childhood education.

Ms. Chandler explained that the program is funded by Proposition 203 which approved an additional tax on tobacco products. She explained the program budget in detail and outlined the

organizational structure. She said that some of the initiatives they fund include comprehensive newborn care, short term focused crisis intervention, pre-k scholarships, family support, community awareness, and helping to build new day care facilities.

Ms. Fausel offered that collaborating with Scottsdale would bring early childhood education services to a new level in the city and that First Things First is eager to help. She explained their open meeting schedule and invited the Commission to attend.

#### **4. Budget Update**

Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner/Budget Specialist, provided a budget overview and explained that the Citizen Budget Committee was currently finalizing their recommendations to City Council. Ms. Ensign provided details on Human Services budget reductions, the current organizational chart that includes staff reductions, the City wide budget process, and grant funding sources.

Commissioner Woodward explained that it would be helpful to know which meetings are the most important to attend and that the Chair of the Commission should make the comments on behalf of the Commission. Ms. Ensign replied that Chair Hemmingsen was at the Community Services presentation and provided good information to the council.

Vice-Chair Weaver remarked that the budget overview presented looked very optimistic in light of the current economy. Mr. Ludwick replied that the increase was associated with the reprogrammable money not used last year to facilitate affordable housing in Scottsdale and additional federal money for the Section 8 housing program.

#### **5. Staff and Commission Updates**

Paul Ludwick, Human Services Director, thanked the Commissioner for their work on the funding process and summarized events at Human Services centers including an update of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Scottsdale Unified School district to be agenized for approval by Commission on May 14<sup>th</sup> and go before City Council on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hemmingsen provided information from her meeting with Maricopa Association of Governments including recent budget cuts and fundraising efforts.

Commissioner Yates reminded the Commission about an upcoming Concerned Citizens for Community Health Diamondbacks fundraiser.

#### **6. Open call to the Public (A.R.S. §38-431.02)**

Chair Hemmingsen asked for public comment and there were no replies

#### **7. Adjournment**

Commissioner Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Kelewae seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:39PM.

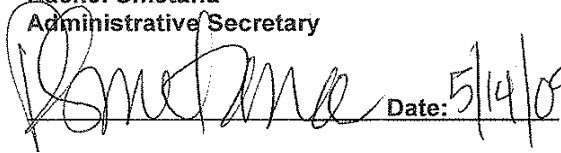
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Officially approved by the Human Services Commission at the 5/14/09 meeting.


Submitted by:

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 Date: 5/14/09

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Paul Ludwick  
Human Services Director

 Date: 5.15.09