



City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

5:30 P.M. Thursday, December 11, 2008
City Hall Kiva
3939 N Drinkwater Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hemmingsen called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present--Chair Kathleen Hemmingsen, Vice Chair Katherine Weaver, Commissioners: Carol Erickson, Katy Kelewae, Steven Rosenberg, Jo Ann Woodward, Andy Yates

Staff Present—Paul Ludwick, Cindy Ensign, Michelle Albanese, Valerie Kime-Trujillo, Hugh McGill

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—NOVEMBER 13, 2008, REGULAR MEETING

Approved 7-0; Commissioner Erickson moved to approve and Commissioner Rosenberg seconded.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Government Relations Director for the City of Scottsdale, reported on a recent City Council approval of the Legislative Agenda. She explained that this year they were emphasizing the preservation of local funding and opposing the preemption of local authority. Ms. Schwartz-Manock stressed the importance of the state maintaining shared tax revenue because it provides 23% of Scottsdale General Fund Revenue. She also stated that the Council approved the Human Services Legislative Agenda, which included protecting and preserving resources to help the lives of people in this community. Some examples are to support legislation that assists victims of domestic violence, retain \$1,800,000 for food bank operations, and provide supportive services for the homeless. She invited anyone needing more information to contact her at the Government Relations Office.

5. CIVIC CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER UPDATE

Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance Manager, gave an overview and history of the Civic Center Senior Center facility on the southwest corner of Drinkwater and 2nd St. She explained that the site was purchased in 1975 with CDBG funds which subjects the property to strict HUD requirements. The site had operated as a senior center until 2006 when the new Granite Reef

Senior Center was completed, then housed Vista del Camino during the remodel of their facility. Currently there is a clothing bank in building two. In 2008 the City entered into licensing agreements with Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services and the Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) for use of the space. She also noted recent improvements that have been made to the property.

Commissioner Erickson asked when the new tenants would be moving in and Ms. Albanese replied that they would be speaking about that shortly.

6. PRESENTATION FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR LIVING

Carolyn Hutchens presented the accomplishments of the Foundation for Senior Living with money provided by the Scottsdale Cares Fund. She explained the goal of the program is to strengthen the capability of people to care for their loved ones by providing physical, speech, music and occupational therapies to people in an adult day care setting. Ms. Hutchens explained that the program serves 37 people from Scottsdale.

Carolyn Hill, chief of clinical services, explained that FSL has begun work on Tenant Improvements in order to occupy the Civic Center Senior Center and that she hopes to have a certificate of occupancy in February. FSL plans to begin operating in that location once they receive licensure and are optimistic that it will happen in the middle of March.

Commissioner Woodward asked if she planned to have a registered nurse on staff. Ms. Hill replied yes.

Commissioner Woodward asked if they accepted people with Alzheimer's disease. Ms. Hill replied they would accept anyone they could effectively serve.

Commissioner Woodward asked if FSL was taking reservations. Ms. Hill replied that she is made aware of people who are interested in enrolling and will take names to keep people informed of when the program opens.

7. PRESENTATION BY SCOTTSDALE TRAINING AND REHABILITATION

Virginia Korte, CEO, gave an overview of the services her program provides to the developmentally disabled. This includes day treatment, vocational rehabilitation, regular job coaching, and in-house work center opportunities. She explained that STARS finds employment in the community for their clients as well as contracts with businesses to perform "piece work".

Ms. Korte went on to explain that although STARS has been involved in a capital campaign for two years to raise the money to renovate the Osborn campus, they had not reached the goal to fund the project and would not spend the money to improve and occupy the space at the Civic Center Senior Center location at this time.

8. PRESENTATION BY MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA

William Scarber, Education and Advocacy Associate, explained that the funding his program received from Scottsdale Cares provides support to people with mental illness. The funds help pay for a coordinator, facilitate volunteers, and supply information. He explained that 779 residents of Scottsdale received support from his program, and many more are supplied with information and referrals.

Commissioner Woodward asked Mr. Scarber to identify the website. He replied www.mha.org.

9. PRESENTATION BY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Staff for Area Agency on Aging were not in attendance; therefore, no presentation for that organization was given.

10. PRESENTATION BY ADVOCATES FOR THE DISABLED

Staff for Advocates for the Disabled were not in attendance; therefore, no presentation for that organization was given.

11. PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE THE UPDATE TO THE HUMAN SERVICES FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND THE FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE HUD GRANTS IN 2009/2010

Paul Ludwick, Human Services Director, explained the similarities between the Human Services Five-Year Plan and the Five Year Strategic Plan for the HUD grants. He explained that consolidating these two plans would strengthen the process and could provide additional information on community needs and resources.

Commissioner Woodward asked if this will effect the 54 applications received for this years funding process. Mr. Ludwick explained that the process for this year is in place and the consolidation would take effect in FY 2009/10.

Commissioner Woodward asked why children weren't included under vulnerable populations in the HUD plan. Mr. Ludwick replied that although they are not specifically identified, it would be within our ability to include them.

Commissioner Woodward asked if consolidating these two plans would affect the Commission's ability to fund certain programs. Mr. Ludwick replied that there would be no reason to favor one type of need over another.

Commissioner Weaver asked why we originally had two plans and what would be the benefit of consolidating them. Mr. Ludwick replied that the benefit would be measured in the outcomes and perhaps there were two plans because the HUD document can look pretty bureaucratic. There would be an opportunity to make the document a local request with a friendlier, freer format.

Commissioner Weaver asked if the Community Forum portion would still be included. Mr. Ludwick replied that community input is important as well as community ratification of identified needs.

Commissioner Erickson stated that she liked the idea of putting the two plans together and that it might define some needs that were not identified before. She asked if it would impact funds in any way. Mr. Ludwick replied that the better the plan, the more resources we may find and that he could not see any adverse effects.

Commissioner Rosenberg asked if there was a risk in giving too much information. Mr. Ludwick stated that the HUD document asks you to plan on and prepare for things that HUD does not fund. Mr. Ludwick explained that the HUD document was originally intended to be a consolidated plan and invites information on community needs that might not otherwise be addressed.

Commissioner Erickson motioned to cancel the current planning process and adopt the consolidated document to be in place in 2010. Commissioner Kelewae seconded the motion. The motion was carried 7-0.

12. STAFF UPDATES

Paul Ludwick gave a brief update on Human Services staff news.

Chairperson Hemmingsen reminded everyone that the next meeting would be on January 8th in the City Hall Kiva.

13. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S § 38-431.02)

Chairperson Hemmingsen opened the floor to public comment. There was no comment.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rosenberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26PM.

Officially approved by the Human Services Commission at the 1/8/09 meeting.

Submitted by:

Rachel Smetana
Administrative Secretary

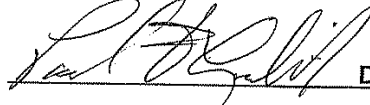


Date:

1/9/09

Reviewed by:

Paul F. Ludwick
Human Services Director



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