



City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting

Summarized Minutes

5:00 P.M. Thursday, October 23, 2008
Granite Reef Senior Center
1700 N. Granite Reef Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hemmingsen called the meeting to order at 5:02.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Kathleen Hemmingsen, Vice Chair Katherine Weaver, Commissioners: Carol Erickson, Katy Kelewae, Andy Yates, Jo Ann Woodward (arrived at 5:05) and Steven Rosenberg (arrived at 5:24)

Staff Present: Tim Miluk, Nick Molinari, Donna Brower, Kasey Moyers, Hugh McGill, Valerie Kime-Trujillo, Kurt Hartung, Philip Ben Hershkowitz, Paul Ludwick, Rachel Smetana

3. GRANITE REEF SENIOR CENTER STAFF PRESENTATION

Tim Miluk, Manager of Granite Reef Senior Center, provided an overview of the facility and the goal to enrich seniors' lives. He talked about the importance of volunteers, stating that over 200 volunteers had donated 2000 hours a month to make the Senior Center a One Stop Shop for social services and recreation. He highlighted his staff, the Gold Level environmentally conscious building, the trolley service, intergenerational programs, excursions to various places, and some of the upcoming programs. Mr. Miluk also explained that contacts for social services have increased by 50% over this time last year.

4. PRESENTATION BY FOOTHILLS CARING CORPS

Debra Determan, Director of Foothills Caring Corps, explained the senior services her program provides and that their main goal is to keep people living independantly as long as possible. She stated that in the 2007/2008 funding year they supplied 896 units of service to Scottsdale residents totaling 1686 hours of service and had an additional 136 volunteers from this city. Some of the services they provided in Scottsdale are care giver relief, friendly visits, meals, friendly phoning, shopping for or with the homebound, transportation to medical appointments and other locations, and social and recreational activities in the "party van". She emphasized

that getting people involved in the community to ward off isolation was important to their well being.

Commissioner Woodward asked if a transportation unit of service was a single trip or round trip.

Ms. Determan replied that roundtrip counted as one unit of service.

Commissioner Woodward asked if Carefree and Cave Creek also contributed to the program.

Ms. Determan replied that yes, they contribute too.

5. PRESENTATION BY TEMPE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Steven Sparks, Director of Operations, gave an overview of programs administered by Tempe Community Action Agency. He stated that the agency has existed for 42 years and their mission is to provide stability for the working poor, seniors, children, and the homeless. Tempe Community Action Agency, in partnership with city staff, provides a hot lunch every day at Granite Reef Senior Center and has a home delivery program. He stated that the CDBG funded lunch program at GRSC provided 10,761 lunches to 1283 unduplicated attendees. He introduced Barbara Johnson who has been given office space at GRSC and her focus is fitness, fall prevention, glucose and diabetes checks, and socialization for the seniors that use the facility. Mr. Sparks explained that with 2007/2008 Scottsdale Cares funding they delivered 37,694 meals to homebound Scottsdale residents and that demand is increasing. He reported that they have never had to institute a waiting list and hoped they never would.

Commissioner Erickson asked what meals they delivered.

Mr. Sparks replied that it was lunch everyday and frozen meals for the weekends.

Commissioner Weaver asked the cost per meal.

Mr. Sparks replied that it was approximately \$4.50.

6. PRESENTATION BY BEATITUDES CENTER DOAR

Elizabeth Banta, Executive Director of Beatitudes Center DOAR, explained that her organization helps homebound elders stay living in their own homes by placing volunteers with a resident that can help meet transportation and socialization issues. She showed a DVD that illustrated how this works and explained that 109 Scottsdale residents are currently receiving services. Ms. Banta explained that there is a map on the website where a potential volunteer can view the neighborhoods of people waiting for service.

7. PRESENTATION BY JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

Ellie Schwartzberg, Vice President of Geriatric Services, gave an overview on JFCS geriatric services. She stated that participants are at least 60 years old or disabled. Two part time social workers get referrals from city staff among others, and go to the home to assess the situation to decide priority needs. They offer help with counseling, transportation, health issues, care giver respite, safety screening, food, outreach, and build on strengths for independent living. JFCS provided support to 84 Scottsdale Residents in 2007-2008 and are able to stay with a client until all needs are met.

8. PRESENTATION BY VALLEY CENTER FOR THE DEAF

Cindy Walsh and Christine Malano gave an overview of their service to provide technological assistance to hearing impaired citizens in a non-sales environment. This program allows seniors to try different communication equipment in an effort to help them stay connected to family and community. The program offers assistance with accessing state funding for these devices and has served 25 Scottsdale residents in 2007/2008.

Vice-Chair Weaver asked for specification on what kinds of devices were offered.

Ms. Walsh answered that they offered amplified phones, ringers, words that print out on the screen or sent signals, but they do not provide hearing aides although they do help connect people to those resources if necessary.

9. STAFF UPDATES

Human Services Director, Paul Ludwick, gave an update on recent and upcoming Human Services events.

Chair Hemmingsen reminded everyone that the next Commission meeting would be at the KIVA at 5:30 on November 13, 2008.

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

Chair Hemmingsen asked for comment from the public. There was none.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hemmingsen moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice Chair Weaver seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.

*Signatures needed when APPROVED by Commission

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Officially approved by the Human Services Commission at the 11/13/08 meeting.

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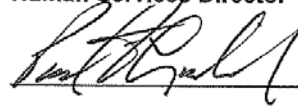


Date:

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Reviewed by:

Paul F. Ludwick
Human Services Director



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11/17/08