

Human Services Committee

April 22, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in City Hall, Room 316.

Present: Frank Franz, Suzanne Levy, Sandra Sales, Dorothy Sorrell, Carolyn Sutterfield, Anita Light and staff liaison Lesley Abashian

Absent: Deborah DiFalco, Andrew Wankum, Jocelyn Rappaport and Judy Turcott (recently appointed)

The members present reported on their respective committees as attached.

Other topics discussed included:

- Webpage and Social Media

Lesley discussed the use of the Human Services Committee webpage and Social Media to share important Human Services information with citizens. Will continue to discuss in future meetings.

Lesley noted that a Human Services electronic calendar will be developed that will be assessable to citizens.

- City's Budget Process

Lesley provided an overview of current City budget process.

- Strategic Plan

Lesley asked committee members for the following information connected to their committee participation: Information on policy or procedural changes that could impact the City; Issues, themes and/or hot spots discussed during committee meetings; Information related to trainings or resource information. Lesley asked committee members to think about what support they need to carry out their appointed committee roles.

Lesley discussed plans to develop a Human Services strategic plan and pointed out the crucial role the Human Services Committee will plan.

Committee members discussed how they want to be more engaged with the Council. It was requested that committee members get Council agendas prior to the meeting so they can ensure they are present when topics related to Human Services occur.

- Upcoming Human Services Calendar: May is both Child Mental Health Awareness and Older American's Month.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 29