

City of Dunedin
Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes
MLK Center
January 15,2019 5:30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Avery Slyker, Chair
Suzanna Young, Vice Chair
Robert Larcom, Secretary
Rev. Jason Knott
Tiffany Nozicka

Absent: Bilal Habeeb-ullah
Armando Galella
Tobey Burwick (alternate)

Staff: Dr. Theresa Smalling, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management

1. **Call to Order** Chair Slyker call the meeting to order at 5:36pm
2. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting** Motion to approve the minutes from October made by Tiffany Nozicka, Rev. Knott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Review City Requests** Dr. Smalling noted that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has specified public record material to be written in Arial font and at size 12. Dr. Smalling clarified that term limits for those service on committees within the city has not been approved yet, but if it is they will be limited to 6 years of services. The member could service on other committees right away or would have to wait 1 year if they wanted to serve on the same committee again.
4. **Faith Community Consortium Follow Up**
 - a. **Attendance** Chair Slyker said that 10 people had RSVP'd but only 2 arrived. No one was sure of the reason for the lack of attendance but the Social Service Committee (SSC) did receive good feedback from those who came.
 - b. **Next Steps for Florida Dreamcenter Adopt-a-Block** The SSC discussed the idea of starting an Adopt-a-Block program within the City. Chair Slyker suggested it was time to put it into action, getting volunteers to the headquarters in Lealman for a tour and the required training. Vice Chair Young agreed that the Chair's suggestion as the best course of action. We need to find the best locations within the city to that are eligible for the program and show the needs to the City Commission, of which Chair Slyker plans to present to them. Secretary Larcom volunteered his photography services to photograph the locations and then create a handout to give a visualization to the city council. Once we have an approved location, we will need to send it out to the local churches and organizations to get enough volunteers to start and get trained. Steve Cleveland from the Florida Dream Center had stated at previous meetings that the biggest need, besides volunteers, will be transportation for the people, goods, and service equipment.

5. **Announcements**

- a. Tiffany Nozicka said that due to the government shutdown, food stamps will be issued early for February but no notice about March. Chair Slyker noted that with the food stamps being issued early, it could create a higher need at the end of February in food pantries.
- b. Vice Chair Young has finished creating the excel sheet for the resource directory and eliminated any organization that she could not get in contact with or did not have contact information. She also said that the Knights of Columbus has started the Lend-A-Hand project developed by the SSC, but only to members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.
- c. Chair Slyker asked that the Committee start thinking of the next project to focus on once we set the Adopt-a-Block into action. Chair Slyker stated that there is a great student homelessness issue at Dunedin Elementary and could be a good place to focus and see what needs there are.

6. **Citizen Comments** None

7. **Adjournment** The agenda being completed, Chair Slyker adjourned the meeting at 6:17pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 2019

Respectfully,

Robert P. Larcom II