

City of Dunedin
Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes
MLK Center
February 19,2019 5:30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Avery Slyker, Chair
Suzanna Young, Vice Chair
Robert Larcom, Secretary
Tiffany Nozicka
Bilal Habeeb-ullah (Arrived 5:51p)

Absent: Rev. Jason Knott
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 5:33pm
2. **Approve of minutes from previous meeting** Tiffany Nozicka motioned that the minutes from October be approved, Secretary Larcom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
3. **Review City Requests** Dr. Smalling reminded the Social Services Committee (SSC) to reply only to her in order to stay compliant with the Sunshine Laws.
4. **Final Approval of Directory** Vice Chair Young moved that a regular update for the Dunedin one directory would be done on a quarterly bases and an annual check of the St. Pete College Resource Directory updating as needed. Tiffany Nozicka seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
5. **Dunedin Adopt-A-Block Action Item** Chair Slyker will address the Dunedin City Council March 5th at 9am to request approval for the start of the Adopt-A-Block program within the city. She will also reach out to Code Enforcement for any properties that are a current issue to showcase as an example of what could be done with Adopt-A-Block. Chair Slyker also asked the SSC if anyone knew of any locations in Dunedin at this time but no one thought of any. Dr. Smalling will send Secretary Larcom the address and he will photograph those properties and send to Dr. Smalling to send the Chair Slyker for the Council meeting.
6. **Committee Annual Report to Commission** The main item to bring forward is that the newly approved resource directory only contains organizations within city limits and is an addendum the St. Pete College directory. Chair Slyker would also bring to attention the continued effort of bring the Florida Dream Center's Adopt-A-Block to Dunedin.
7. **Term Limit Review** Term limits have been finalized for all committee's in Dunedin. There will be a maximum of 2, 3-year terms for 6 consecutive years for all boards and committees. If there is no one to take that seat, the term limit can be lifted and alternate members are not under limitations. The new limits are in effect March 18th, 2019 and any member who termed out must vacate the seat for 1 year before rejoining.
8. **Social Services Committee Continuance Discussion** Chair Slyker must go before the city council March 21st, 2019 at 7:30pm to review if there is still need for the committee in Dunedin.

9. Announcements

- a. Tiffany Nozicka said food stamps will be out March 1st at half portion due to last month being given out early and then will return to regular distribution in April. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) will be closing the Pasco and Mirror Lake locations this year and focusing on online communications. DCF is training the community on how to use the online resources and on smart devices, so there could be an impact for service needs in North County and possibly Dunedin.
- b. Chair Slyker noted that the Point in Time count was very successful and they are inputting all the information but she can state that 6 homeless are officially noted for staying in Dunedin and another 10 unofficial as they wouldn't complete the count. Chair Slyker is also hoping to have the updated count for Pinellas County Schools homeless data for the meeting in March.
- c. Secretary Larcom invited the SSC and the City of Dunedin to Proclaim Ministries of Tampa Bay's next outreach in Westminster Apartments in Oldsmar on March 16th from 11am-2pm. The outreach provides free clothing, nonperishable and hot foods, children activities, community resources and church resources to those in need.

10. Citizen Comments None

11. **Adjournment** The agenda being completed Chair Slyker adjourned the meeting at 6:31pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, 2019.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Larcom II