

City of Dunedin
Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes
MLK Center
April 23, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Avery Slyker, Chair
Robert Larcom, Secretary
Tiffany Nozicka
Bilal Habeeb-ullah (Arrived 5:48p)

Absent: Suzanna Young, Vice Chair
Rev. Jason Knott
Armando Galella
Tobey Burwick (alternate)

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

Visitors: Candice Roth
Russel Roth
Dale Boggs with the Disabilities Advisory Committee (DAC)

1. **Call to Order** Chair Slyker call a work meeting to order at 5:36pm, as quorum had not been met. Once Mr. Habeeb-ullah arrived, the work meeting ended and Chair Slyker called the Social Service Committee (SSC) meeting to order at 5:48pm with quorum being met.
2. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting** Secretary Larcom made a motion that the minutes from February be approved, Tiffany Nozicka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
3. **Review City Requests** Dr. Smalling notified the SSC that Mr. Galella had to resign due to health issues and due to Ms. Burwick's absences for the previous 3 meetings, she has offered to resign her position. Mrs. Nozicka motioned to accept Toby Burwick's resignation and Mr. Habeeb-ullah seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Social Services Committee Continuance** Recap During the work meeting, Secretary Larcom recapped the continuance city council meeting from April. He relayed the appreciation the City Council has for the committee and the work they have been doing for the community. Commissioner Kynes had offered and help to the SSC for the next steps helping student homelessness within Dunedin.
5. **New Membership** Dr. Smalling provided 9 applicants for the SSC to review and having voted on it, the persons the SSC voted to invite Chantala Simmons to be a regular member, with Kimberly Tucker and Sandra Sunter as Alternates. Miranda Vilsack, Richard Thompson, and Thomas Murray were also selected in the event, that any of the nominees declined the invitation. Mrs. Nozicka motioned to extend an invitation to those applicants in order and Mr. Habeeb-ullah seconded it. The motioned passed unanimously.
6. **Dunedin Adopt-A-Block** Chair Slyker motioned that the May 21st SSC meeting be replaced with an Official Adopt-A-Block volunteer orientation meeting. The Florida Dreamcenter stated this would be a great time line for the community, as they would complete their volunteer training during the summer and would start a work in September of this year. Secretary

Larcom made a motion that the meeting be replaced with a volunteer orientation put on by the Florida Dreamcenter and Ms. Nozicka seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Announcements**

- a. Dale Boggs with the DAC has said the DAC has realized that many committees could be working on similar issues and they are reaching out to the other committee to work together. The DAC is currently working on a proposal to have a way to communicate to the citizens (the Mayor's letter, city water bill, city website, etc.). They also are working on a needs assessment that is being done by a USF student for their thesis. The DAC has formed a subcommittee for this purpose and has invited the SSC to join in.
- b. Chair Slyker will send our previous needs assessment to Dr. Smalling to send to the DAC.
- c. Mr. Habeeb-ullah made a motion to have a representative from the SSC join the DAC subcommittee and Ms. Nozicka seconded. The motioned passed unanimously.
- d. Ms. Nozicka motioned to join the DAC resident education petition and Mr. Habeeb-ullah seconded it. The motioned passed unanimously.
- e. Chair Slyker also hopes to have the latest information on homelessness in order to understand the student needs and get zip code data to know if those students are residents in Dunedin or bussed in.

8. **Citizen Comments** Candice Roth has requested information on the volunteer training to provide to the Boy Scout troop. A flyer will be provided once available.

9. **Adjournment** The agenda being completed, Chair Slyker adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm. The next regular meeting will be on June 18th.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Larcom II