

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the City of Loveland Human Services Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Managers Conference Room on  
February 23, 2012

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## **PRESENT AT THE MEETING:**

**Commissioners:** Lorna Greene, Jackie Elliott, April Lewis, Ally Miller, Amy Olinger, Penn Street, Melody Bettenhausen, and Rebecca Paulson

**Council Liaison:** Ralph Trenary

**Staff Liaison:** Alison Hade

**Guests:** Lynda Nielsen, Executive Director, Alternatives to Violence  
Joey Parsons, Board Member, Alternatives to Violence

## **ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:**

**Commissioners:** Stan Taylor and Alouette Greenidge

*These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

## **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26TH MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the January 26th meeting minutes. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION BY ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE**

Lynda Nielsen, the Executive Director of Alternatives to Violence and Joey Parsons, a board member, addressed the commission regarding the Human Services Grant pre-application and their missing attachment, causing the pre-app to be declined on ZoomGrant's website. She handed out a letter addressed to the commissioners and asked that they reconsider the declination after explaining why they had problems getting the attachments attached before the deadline. She thanked the commission for the past funding.

After ATV's presentation, Chair Elliott shared an email sent to her from the City Manager. The email stated that the management's view considers that the applicant had the adequate information to approve the pre-application. Discussion ensued and Commissioner Greene stated that a pre-application doesn't guarantee anyone of getting money, the Community Partnership Office accepting or declining pre-apps is basically saying you'll get funding if we approve your pre-app. Commissioner Street asked if others (that were declined) would be invited to come in and plead their case. Commissioner Greene stated, if you're going to bend the rule for one you have to bend it for all. The only way to make the process better would be to spend time looking hard at the procedures and process.

Commissioner Greene motioned to accept all declined pre-apps, seconded by Commissioner Olinger, passing with 4 ayes, 2 nays and 2 abstentions.

## **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

Councilor Trenary updated the commission on the Workforce Investment Boards community forum. Loveland is in a stronger economic position than other places, but the council would like to see the

need for food stamps and other services not accelerate. Ending poverty in Loveland is one of the City Council's main objectives.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chair Elliott stated that she would be willing to stay on as the Chair unless someone else wanted to step up. Commissioner Greene nominated Chair Elliott by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Street and passing unanimously. Commissioner Olinger moved to nominate Commissioner Greene for Vice Chair seconded by Commissioner Bettenhausen and passing unanimously. Chair Elliott's term ends in June, so she is encouraging the other commissioners interested in Chairing to attend the agenda meetings with the Vice Chair and her.

#### **GRANT TRAINING**

Chair Elliott informed the commissioners that they are all welcome to call her or Commissioner Greene at any time. She stated that communication is so important, but when it comes to scoring the proposals we are all on our own. Chair Elliott discussed the process of the applicant presentations and that they may ask questions at the presentations. The commissioners will also be given the opportunity to submit advance questions to staff. The next regular meeting will be in June, the commission will discuss changes to the grant process and the responsibilities of the HSC and staff.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Elliott adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beverly Walker