

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

The meeting of the City of Loveland Human Services Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Managers Conference Room on
August 22, 2013

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Rebecca Paulson, Lorna Greene, Stan Taylor, Ally Miller, Marcy Yoder, Tim Hitchcock, April Lewis, Amy Olinger, Audra Montoya, Melody Bettenhausen, and Alex McKenna

Council Liaison: Ralph Trenary

Staff Liaison: Alison Hade

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Penn Street

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Paulson called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the July 25th meeting minutes which Commissioner Hitchcock seconded and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor Trenary commented on the election season being hectic, but if you need to speak with him you are welcome to call him.

Regarding the House of Neighborly Service's request to City Council for the Community Life Center, he stated that he doesn't know if any of the councilors are critical of the project that would be in strong opposition for approval.

The council will have a study session on the 2014 budget process soon. The Councilor is confident the HSC grant funding increase will be approved. He stated that the increase will be a new baseline in Human Services Grant funding.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

Staff Liaison Hade spoke about the Fort Lyon proposal which includes providing homeless with a lease for one year or more of transitional housing with supportive services program. The state put out a RFP for communities all over the state to receive funding to provide outreach. They are starting with veterans and the chronically homeless. Participants will receive substance abuse and mental health treatment and for their participation, they will be given a section 8 voucher. They will provide educational opportunities, such as GED's, culinary arts, and employment training.

The benefit to our community is to provide homeless individuals a place to live and have supportive services. Loveland doesn't have this type of supportive housing, so it provides a great opportunity to individuals to move past homelessness. This is not mandatory, people are free to choose to go or

not, they will have the opportunity to tour the facility prior to deciding if they want to be a part of the program.

MOVING THE HSC MEETING DAY OF THE MONTH

Vice Chair informed the commissioners about a meeting with Staff Hade and Development Director Greg George where it was suggested by Mr. George to move the HSC regular meeting to the City Council Chambers to give the commissioners a feeling of a more formal meeting. This would help the commissioners feel that each of their opinions would be treated with importance and to get everyone's participation in discussions.

Commissioner Greene motioned to move the September HSC meeting to the Erion Room at the Library seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passing unanimously.

Commissioner Greene motioned to discuss the changing of the location of the meeting at the end of the September meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Hitchcock. Discussion of the motion ensued.

Commissioner Greene changed the motion to vote at the end of the September meeting to change the location and day of the HSC to the 1st Thursday of the month. Seconded by Commissioner Hitchcock and passing unanimously.

SITE VISIT ASSIGNMENTS

Staff handed out the list of site visits with contact information for each agency. Vice Chair Paulson went down the list of agencies and each commissioner confirmed or changed their placement of assignment. The lead commissioner was assigned to be the main contact for setting up the visit with the agency and letting the other commissioners interested in visiting too know when and where. The updated list is attached.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GRANT GUIDE

See attached.

Commissioner Greene requested that the Community Partnership Office provide the revisions to the HSC within two weeks. Seconded by Commissioner Miller, passing with 4 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstained. After discussion the motion was overturned with a new motion by Commissioner Hitchcock to have the revisions 2 weeks prior to the September meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Miller and passing unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Paulson adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Walker and Alison Hade