

HSAHC

**May 29, 2019
Draft Minutes**

Members Present

Susan Wan, Chair
Samantha Aycock
Rebecca Campbell
Mary Lohrmann
Azizi Marshall
Kimberly Nagy
Stephanie Williams

Council Members Present

Mayor Bob Barnett

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Ms. Nagy made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Aycock. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Barnett thanked the members of the HSAHC for the efforts in helping the Village Council address questions and issues related to the Human Service Commission. He appreciated their work in engaging the community. He noted that the boards and commissions play a vital role in assisting the Village Council in making policy decisions.

Mayor Barnett explained the next steps in the review and consideration of the HSAHC report to the Village Council. He stated that the report will be formally transmitted to the Council in conjunction with the Long Range Plan report, likely in August. He noted that the Council will spend June and July appointing the 7th member to the Village Council and discussing Council governance. In August and September, the Council will start the annual budgeting process with the long range planning sessions. The LRP takes a long term view (3, 5 and 10 years out) of the issues affecting the Village and the Village's financial position and strategy. He noted that changes in services provided by the Village can sometimes take place over the course of a few years. He encouraged the members of the HSAHC to participate in the LRP meetings and discussions as individual residents. He stated that the members should contact members of the Village Council at any time. Mayor Barnett left the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Chair Wan asked if there were any questions or comments about the draft report.

Ms. Campbell stated that the report captures the work of the HSAHC. She said that the HSAHC never got around to making recommendations on the amount of money that should be allocated to human service efforts and was concerned that more work in this area should be done.

Ms. Lohrman noted that the report recommends establishing the HSC permanently, providing a staff member to support the efforts and to provide funding.

Ms. Nagy said that the group should be careful putting in a specific number or amount in the report. Ms. Aycock concurred.

Ms. Lohmann said that she appreciates that the Mayor said it is a multi year project and noted that the first year of the reconstituted Human Service Commission may be spent developing a plan and identifying priorities.

Ms. Williams said that budgeted numbers can change with the economy.

Ms. Lohmann said that the amount budgeted by Council could be affected by the performance results.

Chair Wan asked Manager Fieldman if the Village Council could look favorably upon the report and not provide funding or staffing as recommended. Manager Fieldman explained that this could be the case, as the Council has to make difficult decisions about allocating limited resources in response to many requests for funding in excess of the funds available. Manager Fieldman said the long range planning efforts will also address issues such as facilities, increasing costs of public safety pension obligations, declining sales tax revenues and requests for expansion of other Village services.

Ms. Aycock said that she recently reviewed Village finances and revenues. She noted that the Village has financial challenges. This is why she encourages creative solutions such as the use of volunteers and other low costs approaches to human services. She said the most important issue is to get the Village Council to support the reinstatement of the Human Service Commission.

Ms. Williams said that sometimes just the conversation will create awareness and generate interest and financial support.

Ms. Campbell said that the HSAHC has started a conversation about funding sources and leveraging assets of other organizations.

Ms. Lohmann said that HSC members can reach out to other agencies to help further their objectives.

Chair WAN encouraged members to reach out to Council members after this HSAHC has completed its work.

Manager Fieldman said he will circulate the email contacts among all of the members.

All HSAHC members said they would like to be considered for permanent appointment to the HSC when it is reformed

Ms. Lohrmann made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Ms. Campbell. The motion was approved 7-0 by voice vote/

Manager Fieldman thanked the group and discussed how their work has influenced staff discussions about these issues.

Mary Blanchard said that she would like the Village Council to consider increasing the diversity of the Council when they select the 7th member.

Ms. Lohrmann made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Williams. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm