

Observer Report

Committee: Health & Human Services

Date: May 6, 2019

Observer: Jessica Feldman

Meeting began: 6:10ish

Meeting Ended: 7:15pm

Committee Members Present: Aldermen Rue Simmons, Ch; Fiske; Braithwaite, Revelle, and Fleming.

Staff Present: Karyn Danczak; Kim Richardson; several members of the EPD.

Media Present: EvanstonNow, RoundTable (all I could see)

Citizen Comment: Two residents of NE Ev spoke about great need for a Dog Beach which they remind is a profit center for the City while providing an opportunity for the dog owners to socialize and meet other dog owners and that an ideal location would be the Lincoln St. beach; currently have to go to Wilmette or Winnetka, which are both very expensive. Excellent Powerpoint presentation showing record of services provided during current Evanston Animal Shelter Assoc.'s contract with the City –this elicited a very emotional supportive response from Alderman Fiske and a very supportive agreeing response from Alderman Braithwaite.

In vein of transparency, one citizen complained about lack of information provided about committee/BCC meetings. Hoped City would find a way to correct this.

III. Presentations: Evanston Animal Shelter Association– Given during Citizen Comment.

Arts Council: One of two male members of Arts Council (didn't get name) spoke very supporting for need for the Arts Council to remain a viable part of the City services. Expressed regret for having lost the Arts Coordinator but explained that while loss made it more difficult to maintain the coordination among the large vibrant, active Arts community in the city, the Arts Council was working diligently to do so. He also expressed hope that funding could be restored and pledged that the Arts Council was continued to search for financial resources to remain viable. He reminded Council that Evanston is rich in Arts resources and can provide a continuing vibrant arts resource.

Social Services: Kim Richardson, having added this to her burgeoning portfolio, spoke about the developing the equity driven accountability process. Working with a core committee with representatives from Parks & Rec., Library, Health & Human Services, Community Development and the City Managers Office to deepen equity analysis; breaking down silos using a 7 step process to achieve measurable, tangible outcomes from each dept. and determine what kind of data matters.; engage program participants. "Responses from Program participants are really important." There will be a community meeting in this regard on June 1 at the Levy Center from 11am -1pm." Aldermen reactions: Ald. Fiske commended Ms. Richardson on designing a good model. Ald. Simmons commended Ms. Richardson for focusing on this on top of all her other responsibilities. Ald. Braithwaite asked "How is info going to apply to reality as the focus is also how services work with budget process? How does this effect priority-based budget?" Ald. Fleming asked how does concentration on Social Services relate to City Depts.? Ms. Richardson responded: Need to understand population. Ald. Simmons: Experts take lead in areas – social services community? Funding partners? Set clear guiding principles. Transparency; Track meetings.

IV. Items For Consideration

For Action

(HH1) **Evanston Animal Shelter Association Contract Renewal**

Renewal of the contract between the City of Evanston and the Evanston Animal Shelter Association (EASA)

(HH2) **Evanston Animal Shelter Association Contract Renewal**

Renewal of the contract between the City of Evanston and the Volunteer Animal Organization (VAO)

(HH3) **159-O-18 AN ORDINANCE Amending Portions of the City Code Incorporating Restorative Justice Practices for Minors**

Ordinance 159-O-18, Amending Portions of the City Code Incorporating Restorative Justice Practices for Minors.

(HH4) **68-R-18 A RESOLUTION In Support of Employing Administrative Adjudication as an Alternative to the Criminal Justice System for Juveniles**

The Alternatives to Arrest Committee recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 68-R-18, In Support of Employing Administrative Adjudication as an Alternative to the Criminal Justice System for Juveniles.

All approved unanimously without any discussion.

I. Items For Discussion

Review of Police Complaints

Officer from CPD commented and referred to actions being taken. Said need to be consistent in trying to help juvenile offenders rather than just given them a ticket. Alderman Simmons asked two questions; Alderman Fleming commented favorably about progress in this area. Patrick Keenan-Devlin, Director of the Moran Center asked to comment and responded to question from Ald. Braithwaite. He also commended the outstanding work of his staff in this area.

II. Items For Communication

(HH5) **We're Out Walking (WOW) Program Kickoff Celebration**

12th Annual WOW Program Opening Celebration is on June 15th at ETHS from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unanimous support voiced for program.

Meeting Adjourned.