

Observer Report**Referrals Committee****January 6, 2022****Observer:** Cheryl Wollin, LWV**Present:** Mayor Biss, CM Revelle, Fleming, Suffredin, Interim City Manager Kelley Gandurski, Alison Liegsiger (and baby).**Meeting began:** 9:30 am**Meeting ended:** 10:07 am

Some zoom audio technicalities prevented the meeting to have a smooth beginning, although it was called to order at 9:37 am. Minutes of the December meeting were approved 3-0. Alison (on maternity leave) introduced her baby daughter, but was not staying for the meeting. Mayor Biss noted his time was limited to 10:00 a.m. and they had five referrals to discuss. CM Fleming thought they should add a replacement for her on the committee. Mayor Biss said he welcomed any recommendations that she had. She replied no specific ones. CM Revelle stated that it should be a senior member of the council who understood the process and structure of committee. All agreed.

First referral by Burns had to do with air quality. After scoring it, they decided to send it to the Environmental Board to be on their agenda the first quarter of the year.

Second referral had to do with billboards. CM Suffredin said that the language in the ordinance was unclear where and they could be placed. If the Council wants to prohibit all billboards, they should just say so. Agreed to send it to the new Land Use Commission, to be dealt with by the second quarter of the year.

Third referral, taken out of order in consideration of CM Suffredin's presence, had to do with volunteers shoveling snow for qualified seniors. There is a problem with using volunteers (not a stable work force), and should consider hiring youth to do the job. Although this is an ASAP need, there should be a firm plan in place by this summer, to be in effect next winter. Sent to A&PW to deal within the next two meeting.

Fourth referral dealt with making vaccinations mandatory for all elected officials. This one scored all ones. Mayor Biss will make it a special order of business at the January 24th meeting. (Gandurski affirmed this is the correct procedure, rather than going first to rules.)

Lastly, the CARE group listed all organizations that belonged, but had taken off art center. CM Revelle recommended that they be reinstated as well as the new Harley Clark art & book center. Representatives have already been attending the quarterly meetings, but wanted it to be official. Mayor suggested sending it to the rules committee once the new chair's term began (Feb.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.