

Observer Report

Committee: Human Services (HSC)

September 5, 2018

Observer: Eileen Lowery

Meeting began: 6:19 p.m.

Meeting Ended: 7:06 p.m.

Committee Members: Alderpersons Fleming (Ch.), Fiske, Braithwaite, Rue Simmons and Revelle

Staff Present: R. Eddington, J. Garner, K. Hawk, L. Hemingway, M. Treto, J. Pickett, N. Whyte

Media Present: Roundtable, Facebook video

Citizen Comment: Four citizen comments, 3 in person and Alderwomen Fleming read a comment written by 1 of her constituents. The comments included: one citizen in favor of the adopting the legalization of medical aid in dying (MAiD) in Illinois (discussed at the last HS meeting); 1 requested more notice for community meetings which the speaker thinks would improve participation; 1 commenter was not in support of gang data bases because of their racial bias, lack transparency and eliminate due process; and 1 stated that use of cleaning solutions that give off noxious odors in public spaces, particularly the Levy Center, prevent the commenter and those with respiratory illnesses from participating in activities.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(HH1) Recreation Programs for Adults and Seniors Presentation In her report, Ms. Karen Hawk reviewed Senior Programming at the Levy, Fleetwood-Jordain and Gibbs-Morrison Centers and the Fleetwood-Jordain Arts at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. Funding for the programming and use of fitness equipment is received from Silver Sneakers, a fitness program of insurance companies including some Medicare programs, the Levy Foundation and the City. The programs are running at full capacity and equipment is well used and cared for. Senior transportation via the Levy Center bus has 6 routes per day and the city offers the Subsidized Program through the Evanston Benefit Card.

(HH2) Police Issues Work Plan Update Chief R. Eddington reported that starting in October the Work Plan will not be a HS Agenda item and the EPD will update the community on the Work Plan via the EPD dashboard. In October the Dept. will provide a report on the use of force events, as requested. Dep. Chief J. Pickett stated that by November the last six officers will have been trained on the use of force policy. Ald. Braithwaite questioned inconsistent success with camera technology, Chief Eddington responded that in October he will report to HS re costs of possible needed upgrades.

(HH3) Station Adjustment Forms The Alternative to Arrest Committee and staff recommend that the Human Services Committee accept the revised Informal and Formal Station Adjustment Forms. Mr. Patrick Keenan Devlin gave a brief overview of new forms. Recommendation was approved unanimously. Per Sgt. Jason Garner the forms will be available immediately, training of juvenile division will take place first, in the fall there will be an in-service training for the rest of the department.

(HH4) Chicago Police Department Gang Database (CPD GD) At the 06/04/18 HSC meeting it was asked if Evanston Police Department (EPD) participates in the CPD GD. EPD does not enter subjects into the CPD GD. Officers are able to access the CPD GD through the IClear system but cannot and do not add or alter the entries. Dep. Chief Pickett stated that the department does not rely on any one data base when doing an investigation.

(HH5) EPD Summer Wrap-up of Summer Activities, Deployment, Juvenile Contact and After School Deployment Information was requested by Alderman Fleming regarding contact with juveniles over the course of the summer: The Juvenile Bureau conducted nightly deployments in the core downtown area monitoring juvenile activity and conducting curfew compliance checks. In addition, 2 School Resource Officers were assigned to Evanston Township, Haven Middle School and Kingsley, Elementary. From June 1 – August 27, 2018 the Evanston Police Department made 24 juvenile arrests and wrote 18 contact cards. The dispositions of the arrest: 10 Court Referrals, 1 Community Service Referral, 3 Formal Station Adjustments, 2 Informal Station Adjustments, 5 C Tickets, 3 Warrant Arrest After school deployment continues to consist of School Resource Officers, PST Officers and available beat cars at Evanston Township as well as the middle and elementary schools. Discussion included the usefulness of data for comparison between years and planning summer programs.

ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

Alderson Fiske requested a presentation of the Duluth Civility Project, guidelines for improving civil and community dialogue, at the next HS meeting. All were in agreement and will be placed on the agenda.

Alderson Revelle provided committee members with information requested from the Compassion & Choices Evanston Action Team following their presentation at last month's meeting in favor of supporting the adoption of MAiD legislation in IL.