

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 17, 2013**

Present

Councilor Sorte, Chair  
Councilor Beilstein  
Councilor York

Staff

Jim Patterson, City Manager  
Steve DeGhetto, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
Carrie Mullens, City Manager's Office

Visitors

Byron Lee Warrenton

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Information Only</u>	<u>Held for Further Review</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
I.	Council Policy Review and Recommendation: 07-4.16, "Code of Conduct for Patrons at Parks and Recreation Facilities, Events, and Programs"		Feb 4, 2014	
II.	Other Business	Yes		

Chair Sorte called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**CONTENT OF DISCUSSION**

- I. Council Policy Review and Recommendation: 07-4.16, "Code of Conduct for Patrons at Parks and Recreation Facilities, Events, and Programs"

Mr. DeGhetto said the policy establishes rules and regulations to protect the rights and safety of the community. The policy provides an opportunity to discuss behaviors with patrons and hold patrons accountable for their behavior. Staff agreed that the policy works well and suggested minor housekeeping amendments.

Councilor York referred to Section 4.16.030.4, related to tobacco products, and suggested the language align with Benton County's recommendations for new tobacco legislation. The concern is that e-cigarettes can be used as a delivery system for other substances. The smokeless tobacco ban may include enforcement of e-cigarettes. Councilor York also suggested staff speak with Deputy City Attorney Brewer about how the policy language aligns with the related Corvallis Municipal Code. She reported that Mr. Brewer has been working with Benton County and other jurisdictions on new tobacco legislation.

Councilor Beilstein said Council amended the tobacco ordinance on December 16. The ordinance was brought out of hiatus and updated to include e-cigarettes and other items.

In response to Councilor Beilstein's inquiries, Mr. DeGhetto said the policy has been used to trespass patrons from facilities for appropriate time periods. The policy has not been utilized in parks. Staff educate park patrons about camping ordinances and other park regulations as needed. The policy has also been used in recreation programs when patrons forget the level of civility needed to hold a respectful conversation.

Mr. Patterson noted that he recently used this policy to address an issue at Osborn Aquatic Center. A patron was notified that their behavior was not allowed and they were banned from using the facility for one week. The policy was reviewed with the patron who understood the policy and appeal process. He added that the policy is not frequently used, but when necessary, staff can implement it.

Mr. Warrenton announced that he has been working with others on the Benton County Ten-Year Plan to Address Issues Surrounding Homelessness. He supports an agricultural camp to provide shelter and work for individuals. The work raises food for those working in the camp, their families, and local food banks. A meeting will be held in February to further discuss this idea.

Chair Sorte noted that there will be additional needs in the community if the long-term unemployment benefits are discontinued on January 1.

Mr. DeGhetto suggested returning on February 4, 2014 with follow-up information.

## II. Other Business

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, in the Madison Avenue Meeting Room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Sorte, Chair