

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 2, 2015**

Present

Councilor Bill Glassmire, Chair
Councilor Mike Beilstein

Staff

Mark Shepard, City Manager
Ken Gibb, Community Development Director
Jon Sassaman, Police Chief
Karen Emery, Parks & Recreation Director
Carla Holzworth, City Recorder

Absent

Councilor Frank Hann (excused)

Visitors

Jennifer Moore, Executive Director of United Way of Benton and Lincoln Counties
Sandy Neubaum, United Way of Benton and Lincoln Counties Community Impact Committee
Roger Lizut, United Way of Benton and Lincoln Counties Community Impact Committee
Alexandra Eder, Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis
Matthew Smith, Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis
Gary Evans, Community Police Review Advisory Board

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

	Agenda Item	Recommendations
	<i>Chair to call for corrections, if any, to June 2 HSC minutes</i>	
	Call to Order	2:00 pm
I.	Social Service Allocations-Fiscal Year 2015-2016	Approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 social service allocations as presented by United Way of Benton and Lincoln Counties
II.	Community Police Review Advisory Board Sunset Review & Annual Report	Approve continuance of the Community Police Review Advisory Board though June 30, 2019 and accept the Annual Report
III.	Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Advisory Board Sunset Review & Annual Report	Approve continuance of the Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Advisory Board though June 30, 2019 and accept the Annual Report
IV.	Other Business	For information only
	Adjournment	3:07 pm
	Next Meeting	June 16, 2015 Madison Avenue Meeting Room 500 SW Madison Avenue

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Social Service Allocations-Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Community Development Director Gibb reviewed the staff report and Ms. Moore described the 2015 allocation process as outlined in her memorandum; both documents were included in the Committee's meeting packet. The City's Fiscal Year 2015-16 proposed budget included \$360,000 in social services funding. Ms. Moore noted the United Way's (UW) Community Impact Committee (CIC) expressed concern about the administrative soundness of some agencies. As a result, the UW Board voted to set

aside \$2,050 in UW funds to invest in further training and capacity building for those organizations.

Councilor Beilstein said the City charged UW with reviewing applications and providing funding recommendations, he trusted their decisions, and, therefore, he would recommend adoption by Council as presented.

In response to Councilor Beilstein's inquiry about why programs for some organizations received funding and others did not, Ms. Neubaum said the CIC had to make difficult choices with limited funding. Requests totaled \$799,850, but only \$374,950 in agency funding was available, leaving a shortfall of \$424,900. [*Agency funding was calculated at \$360,000 from the City, plus \$22,950 from UW, less \$8,000 in UW contract fees.*] The Committee's recommendations were based on which organizations they believed could have the most impact, considering their capacity, strength and soundness, and past history with using funds effectively.

Councilor Beilstein noted during the budget hearing at the June 1 Council meeting, five agencies requested an additional \$250,000 in social service funding. Their request did not come through the UW established process and it was not approved by Council.

Matthew Smith and Alexandra Eder of the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis (BGCC) requested modification of the allocation to increase their amount from the \$20,000 that was recommended by the CIC to the \$90,000 BGCC originally requested. Mr. Smith believed BGCC met the definition of emergency and transitional needs. Ms. Eder said the BGCC does not receive federal or state funding, and they are not eligible for Community Development Block Grant funds. She said the City's social service funding process is one place BGCC can compete for public money.

In response to Councilor Beilstein's inquiry, Ms. Eder said BGCC had received social service funding since 2012. Councilor Beilstein suggested a future approach might be to request funding for specific BGCC services, such as the dental clinic. He speculated such a request might be viewed differently by the CIC. He supported the current system of UW reviewing funding requests and providing allocation recommendations, and he was not willing to change what was proposed.

Councilor Glassmire noted the Human Services Committee would make a recommendation to the Council, so BGCC representatives were welcome to attend the June 15 Council meeting to request changing the allocation. He recommended participating in the Sustainable Budget Task Force discussions, which would focus on identifying funding for unmet needs. He concurred with Councilor Beilstein's comments about the allocation process.

The Committee unanimously recommended Council approve the Fiscal Year 2015-16 social service allocations as presented by United Way of Benton and Lincoln Counties.

II. Community Police Review Advisory Board Sunset Review & Annual Report

Police Chief Sassaman said staff and the Community Police Review Advisory Board (CPRAB) recommended continuance of CPRAB for another four years. While no formal

complaints had been received over the last four years for the Board's review, Chief Sassaman said there was value in retaining CPRAB as an alternative for citizens.

CPRAB Chair Evans was complimentary of the Police Department and said a lack of formal complaints was a positive sign. He agreed retaining the CPRAB was an important option for those who were not satisfied with the Police Department's findings on a complaint.

Chief Sassaman agreed with Councilor Beilstein's observation that external complaints had declined and internal complaints had increased. He added that the Police Department was addressing internal concerns as they arose.

In response to Councilor Glassmire's inquiry about other duties of the CPRAB, Chief Sassaman said the Board had not requested a review of Police policies and procedures, as they had not observed any trends or other instances that would trigger a review. He noted the Board had the ability to request such reviews at any time.

The Committee unanimously recommended Council approve continuance of the Community Police Review Advisory Board through June 30, 2019 and accept the Board's Annual Report.

III. Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Advisory Board Sunset Review & Annual Report

Parks and Recreation Director Emery reviewed the duties and recent activities of the Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Advisory Board (PNARAB). Staff and PNARAB recommended continuance of the Board for another four years.

Councilor Beilstein appreciated the Board's high level of activity. Ms. Emery said they picked up the work of other boards and commissions that had sunset, such as the Riverfront and Open Space Commissions. PNARAB also serves as an advisory group for Majestic Theatre issues. Majestic Theatre Management Company re-wrote its bylaws and purpose as part of converting to Friends of the Majestic Theatre (FMT); staff will provide information about FMT in the June 16, 2015 City Council meeting packet.

Councilor Glassmire said Councilor Hann could not attend the meeting, but had inquired about how to obtain funds for parks maintenance. Councilor Beilstein said the Friends of Corvallis Parks and Recreation (FCPR) raises money for capital investment, such as purchasing land and equipment; parks maintenance is funded through General Fund revenue which is generated by property taxes.

Ms. Emery said FCPR formed about two and one half years ago. They have actively recruited members and multiple donors have given money to the City, including \$20,000 to refurbish the pickleball courts, \$25,000 to Arnold Park for playground equipment, \$100,000 for the Sunnyside Schoolhouse that was moved to Owens Farm, and additional donations for Owens Farm. FCPR is a 501(c)(3) organization, so they can apply for grants for which the City is not eligible, and then legitimately donate those grant funds to the City.

In response to Councilor Beilstein's inquiry, Ms. Emery said PNARAB shared resident concerns about park maintenance. She said reduced service levels were due to staffing and a secure source to fund personnel was needed, rather than relying on a Friends group to provide funding for staff each year. A variety of funding approaches is expected to be discussed by the Sustainable Budget Task Force.

The Committee unanimously recommends Council approve continuance of the Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Board to June 30, 2019 and accept the Board's Annual Report.

IV. Other Business

In response to Councilor Glassmire's inquiry, Councilor Beilstein was satisfied with the agenda items that were expected to come to the Committee and he did not have any new issues to add.