



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 12, 2024
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer (Commissioner); Vice-Chair Mary Jung; Commission Members Jeff Jameson, Tricia Serlin, Roger Lurie (Chair), Patrick Dodds, and Stuart Turgel

STAFF: Kira Peters, Human Services Director; Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager; Sue Oh, Human Services Manager; Deeanna Owens, Human Services Manager; Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager; Kristy Hahn-McDonald, Human Services Manager; Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant Executive Director

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Commissioners held a moment of silence in honor of the recent passing of former Commissioner and City Council Member Robert Pettycrew.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2024

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 29, 2024, HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR

SHEARER; VICE-CHAIR JUNG; COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Election of Officers

Vice-Chair Jung nominated Roger Lurie for the position of Chair of the Human Services Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Jameson nominated Mary Jung for the position of Chair of the Human Services Advisory Commission.

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR. COMMISSIONER SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER; VICE-CHAIR JUNG; COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

ELECTED CHAIR: ROGER LURIE. A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND ROGER LURIE WAS ELECTED CHAIR OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION WITH A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO TWO (2) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER; VICE-CHAIR JUNG; COMMISSIONERS SERLIN, LURIE, AND DODDS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONERS JAMESON AND TURGEL DISSENTED.

Chair Lurie took over the position immediately.

Chair Lurie nominated Mary Jung for the position of Vice Chair of the Human Services Advisory Commission.

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR. COMMISSIONER SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE; VICE-CHAIR JUNG; COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, SHEARER, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

ELECTED VICE-CHAIR: MARY JUNG. A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MARY JUNG WAS ELECTED VICE-CHAIR OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION WITH A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR LURIE; VICE-CHAIR JUNG; COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, SHEARER, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Bridge Housing Program Agreement Amendment Update

Kira Peters, Human Services Director, and Sue Oh, Human Services Manager, provided an update on the Bridge Housing program contract amendment which was recently approved by Scottsdale City Council. Ms. Peters explained that the amendment extends the contract with Pengol Hospitality I, LLC, and the Bridge Housing program from October 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025. The presentation included an overview of the Bridge Housing program including eligibility requirements, the success rate, and costs associated with the program. She explained that \$190,000 of the \$194,391 remaining

from the original Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) grant will be used to fund the program for the duration of the contract and the remaining \$4,391 will be used for nutrition. Because the grant funds must be spent by the end of September, the five rooms will be prepaid and nonperishable food will be purchased and available for the participants as needed.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Peters said that they are hoping to continue the program after the May 31, 2025 expiration date and will continue to seek grant funding for the program. Ms. Oh said that it is considered a success if a participant exits into a safe and stable living situation, which could be a voucher or shared housing, not necessarily affordable housing. Ms. Oh explained that they are currently contracted with an agency that provides premade meal delivery, but because the funds need to be spent by the end of September, that program will not continue. Instead, they will purchase in advance shelf-stable items, which the hotel has agreed to store and hand out to participants throughout the day. She noted that most of the participants in Bridge Housing have income that they can provide meals and then the City helps them with the food bank if necessary.

In response to a suggestion about tracking the progress of participants over time, Ms. Oh explained that a lot of the participants have a good connection with their case manager and are able to make that contact if they need any services. The City has no way to contact participants on a regular basis once they leave the program. She noted that monthly updates, including some success stories, are provided to City Council. She said that the police department has confirmed that having the program at the hotel has decreased the number of calls received, because case management has been assisting with the program. The city has a great relationship with hotel management and any issues are addressed right way.

4. Director's Report

Director Peters provided an update on activities in the Human Services Department. Her presentation highlighted the following items:

- Human Services strategic planning process. Staff input sessions have started and a stakeholder input focus group is being started. Scottsdale's office of communication will be managing the community survey.
- Scottsdale Cares. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2024. The group will evaluate the increase to the recommended donation on the utility bill from \$1 to \$2 and consider ideas to complement the utility billing with annual fundraising and promotional events.
- Little Reader Book Club event will be held at Paiute Neighborhood Center from September 17, 2024, to October 29, 2024. Book Nook will be there long term.
- Landlord Connection event is scheduled on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Paiute Neighborhood Center, Building 9. Prospective landlords will be provided with information on the program, ways to get involved, changes coming to the programs, and a Q/A session with staff.
- City of Scottsdale is sponsoring a golf tournament at McDowell Mountain Golf Club on Saturday, September 14, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event will go to Scottsdale Cares.
- Vista del Camino Fall Family Fridays will be offered twice a month from 5:30 to 7:30, beginning on October 18, 2024.
- Upcoming Community Services Events:
 - Halloween SpookTrackula at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, October 11th through the 31st
 - Rewind '70's night at Scottsdale Civic Center Plaza

- Fall Festival at Chaparral Park

5. Identification of Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items suggested.

6. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER SERLIN MOVED ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, COMMISSIONERS JAMESON, SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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