



Municipality of Anchorage

Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor

Health and Human Services Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 13, 2016 5:30 p.m. – 825 L Street, Ste 423

Attendance

Commissioners	Staff	Guests
John Laux, Chair	Melinda Freemon	
Stephanie Berglund	Steve Morris	
Matthew Thomas, Vice Chair	Shelley Griffith	
Donna Mears	Judy Atkins	
Laura Hudson	DeeAnn Fetko	
David Wolfe	Natasha Pineda	
	Steve Ashman	

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order with a quorum at 5:36 p.m.

Roll Call – Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Chair Laux will be stepping down, but will retain the gavel through this meeting, with the Commission’s consent. Chair Laux called for objections to approval of the Agenda as presented. The National Housing Trust Resolution was added for consideration. **Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved with the addition.**

Approval of Minutes

Chair Laux called for a motion for approval of the minutes of January 13, 2016. Move to approve by Commissioner Mears; seconded by Commissioner Hudson. **Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.**

Old Business

Election of Officers. Chair Laux opened the floor for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Hudson nominated Commissioner Mears who accepted the nomination. Commissioner Wolfe self-nominated for Vice Chair which he accepted. Chair Laux closed nominations and called for objections to approval of Commissioner Mears for the position of Chair and Commissioner Wolfe for the position of Vice Chair. **Hearing no objections, the election was approved.**

Code Revisions. Mr. Morris – The three code revisions that have been in process for quite some time are with the legal department; no problems are expected and THEY are very close to being complete. The department is seeking endorsement through three resolutions from the Health & Human Services Commission.

Air Quality code revisions. Proposed revisions to the Municipal Clean Air Ordinance will eliminate references to the South Central Clean Air Authority Commission (defunct); revise administrative hearing and appeals procedures; eliminate air permitting and source registration requirements; add new opacity requirements for wood stoves and fireplaces to help Anchorage avoid possible violations of the federal air quality standard for fine particulate and simplify the clean air code by consolidating it into one chapter in Title 15.

Food Safety & Sanitation (FSS) code revisions. Shelley Griffith, Program Manager briefed the Commission on the code revisions for Food Safety & Sanitation. Most of the differences between the 2005 and 2013 FDA model codes are technical. Proposed changes: fresh caught fish can be served if it is cooked to a minimum temperature of 125 degrees Fahrenheit and a warning is included conspicuously in the menu; no bare hand contact INCLUDING garnishing beverages; cottage food operations by license; wild mushrooms picked and sold in compliance with the code are acceptable; wild game may be donated to non-profits with specific handling requirements to reduce potential of food borne illness and other changes.

Child Care Licensing (CCL). Natasha Pineda, Division Manager, reported that the code revisions are with the legal department now. Variance language has been cleared up; the Municipality can move forward with the regulations, repealing the current code as we must be in compliance with the state. Staff will provide training to providers so that they can provide services and be in compliance. Commissioner Berglund commended the department for working so closely with the state. Commissioner Laux asked what other areas of public health are mandated by the state to be in compliance. The Commission can advocate for those areas ensuring the Municipality is always on top of their game.

Motion by Commissioner Berglund to approve the **Resolutions for Child Care Licensing, Air Quality and Food Safety & Sanitation**, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. ***Hearing no objections, approved by consent.***

National Housing Trust Fund Resolution. Steve Ashman explained the inception of the Housing Trust Fund and that Congress recently funded it. Under the federal housing trust fund, only one state entity can receive the funds and they allocate them to other communities throughout the state. AHFC is amending its annual action plan to include the allocations of the housing trust funds. What this resolution would do is ask for the consideration to allocate those funds to the Municipality of Anchorage. The MOA would be a sub-recipient of the funds and create our own housing plan and strategies.

Motion by Commissioner Mears to approve the **Resolution** for the **National Housing Trust Fund** with minor changes; seconded by Commissioner Thomas. ***Hearing no objections, approved by consent.***

Meeting Days/Dates. Deferred to below subject.

New Business

Possible Commission Retreat. Commissioner Mears indicated that with so many new faces and a new administration it would be a good time to take the opportunity to concentrate on the Commission's mission and goals to accomplish. A retreat would be a fantastic idea, three hours max. Resources could include the Goals for Healthy Alaskans and the DHHS Strategic Plan. Suggested timeframe: Fall, 2016.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn, Commissioner Mears; seconded Commissioner Thomas. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2016, DHHS conference room 423.