

CITY OF PORTAGE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, August 5, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: 6:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Durian, Bill Lenehan, Marc Meulman, Mike Thompson, Amy Tuley, Kyle Huitt (Youth Advisory Committee Liaison)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Angela Manahan Ilori

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Maye, Sandra Sheppard

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Georgeau, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 6, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Human/Public Services Available to Portage Citizens – Public Education – Ad Hoc Committee report: Tuley indicated there is no report as the Ad Hoc Committee was not able to meet prior to the Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY 2010-11 Advisory Board goals – Board review: The Board reviewed the City Council approved Advisory Board goals for FY 2010-11. Tuley and staff noted a change in the process to report to Council on accomplishments and the timing of submission of recommended FY 2011-12 goals to City Council for review. In addition, there was a consensus that the Board prefers to make the requested presentation to the City Council on accomplishments and recommended goals at the second City Council meeting in April 2011. The Board also discussed that the Chair, along with another Board member, should attend the Council meeting presentation.
2. Metro Transit ADA Advisory Committee – Update by Board member Lenehan: Lenehan reported that Metro County Connect has developed a new Grocery Bag Assistance Program, where riders receive assistance from drivers to carry-on bags and other packages when using the service. Lenehan also noted the system is reviewing a potential inter-county demand-response transit system, that would allow riders from Allegan and Calhoun counties to travel to Kalamazoo county, and vice versa. Lenehan mentioned that the system currently has approval to travel to the Veterans Hospital in Battle Creek, as an example. Meulman noted this would be an important enhancement, as Allegan county residents lack adequate health service facilities. Lenehan also noted that changes to the fixed route bus system in Portage are being evaluated for implementation. Staff noted that the Kalamazoo County Transit Authority is holding a public education/input meeting at the Portage District Library on Tuesday, August 17th from 7-9 p.m.
3. Election of Vice Chair: Tuley shared with the Board a letter of resignation from Joanne Willson, as she has been elected the Portage Public School Board. Tuley passed around a thank you card for Board members to sign and send to Willson. Tuley requested nominations to fill the Vice-Chair position. After discussion, the Board postponed action on electing a Vice-Chair until the October meeting.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS: Tuley shared with the Board a thank you letter from Logan Wessendorf, the Board's Youth Advisory Committee Liaison for the past two years.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Georgeau, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services