

CITY OF SEATAC
Community Services Advisory Committee
Minutes

October 8, 2018
5:30 PM

SeaTac City Hall
Riverton Room

Call to Order	Meeting was called to order by Maria Wachtel at 5:30 p.m.
Members Present	Judith Williams, Maria Wachtel, Melissa Wells, Charrise Oden, Kent Palosaari
Members Absent	Anela Delalic, Robin Pedersen
Staff Present	Kim Cooper, Human Services Coordinator, PCPS Lawrence Ellis, Parks, Community Programs & Services Director
Others Present	Councilmember Peter Kwon
Approval of Minutes	A Motion was made by Charrise Oden and seconded by Maria Wachtel to approve the minutes dated September 10, 2018. Minutes were approved as written.

BUSINESS

Presentation

Kevin Hamell from Catholic Community Services –Emergency Services. CCS was here and presented to the Committee. The agency’s main concern is eviction prevention. They are one of the only agencies that don’t require a three day eviction notice to receive help. They want to avoid the client from having bad credit and falling way behind in rent. If they can avoid eviction this helps them get housing easier without damaging their credit. Whereas Rapid Rehousing has to pay all back rent before clients can move in and the eviction goes on their record. CCS also works closely with Solid Ground Shelter and Services. In 2017 CCS spent \$4,000.00 on services for our SeaTac residents. They also offer Safeway cards, bus tickets and always have food and hygiene products on hand for anyone who needs them. He also shared a few “success” stories. Maria Wachtel asked for follow up results and he will be provided those to the city by 10-9-18.

Mike Werle from Highline Area Food Bank was here and has been working for the Highline Food Bank since 1989. The agency is run by himself, several volunteers and only one paid part time employee. They provided 905,000 pounds of food, serving 4,603 people with an average of 32 pounds per person per visit. They had approximately 16,141 visits in 2017. Their numbers are down this year which has allowed them to provide more food to each person per visit. They had five families come in thanking them for their services and that they were moving because the rent was raised and they weren’t able to afford to stay. Many of their volunteers have been there for over 20 years. They also provide a healthy recipe along with all the ingredients to make the meal. They have already received 200 turkeys for Thanksgiving this year.

New Business:

The Committee addressed the questions presented by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Judy Williams talked about the Parks meeting speaker from Port Jobs-Heather Worthley and shared some new information she learned about the agency.

Charrise Oden suggested we attend a Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting and talk with them about needs and ideas they might have. We will be attending the meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. We will bring any ideas or suggestions they have to our Committee next month.

The next Advisory meeting would be on Veterans Day therefore the Committee agreed to schedule the meeting for November 5, 2018.

The Committee was advised of the attendance policy and the importance of attending all meetings.

Next meeting:

Next meeting has been scheduled for November 5, 2018.

Adjourn:

Judy Williams made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and Charisse Oden seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.