



# Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 2023  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
\* Hybrid Meeting \*

**Members Present:** Judith Williams (Chair), Christine Bertie, Dennis Cooper, Jennifer Corona

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Johnson, Harmony Grace, Andy Sevaio

**Staff Present:** Kim Cooper, *Human Services Coordinator*; Evan Maxim, *Director of Community and Economic Development*, Gillian Sayer, *Admin 2*

**Council Present:** None

**Others Present:** Mike Werle, *Highline Food Bank*

**Commence:** 5:37 PM

**Adjourn:** 6:20 PM

1. Call to Order / Introductions	Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm
2. Approval of the 04/10/2023 Minutes	<p><b>Review and Approve</b></p> <p>Jennifer Corona made a motion to approve the minutes. Dennis Cooper seconded the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion passed: 4:0</b></p>
3. Presentation: Highline Food Bank	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>Mike Werle talked about the Highline Food Bank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers are increasing.</li> <li>• Food donations are decreasing. Their storage units are at about 60% capacity.</li> <li>• Volunteers are dwindling.</li> <li>• The effects of COVID on the above.</li> <li>• The impacts of government changes to make access easier and to avoid equity problems:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Income levels increased.</li> <li>○ Verification of income, family size, etc. are no longer required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• They are no longer doing the backpack program.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion commenced between Mike, Judy, Jennifer, and Kim.</p>

<p>4. Human Services Updates</p>	<p><b>Informational:</b></p> <p>Kim updated the committee about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Services Manager.</li> <li>• Unallocated funds to hire a consultant to create a strategy plan.</li> <li>• Reapplying for the minor home repair CBDG funds.</li> <li>• New Chief of Police, Troy Smithmeyer.</li> <li>• We still have a vacancy for a committee member. Judy and Andy have been reappointed.</li> <li>• Back to School Fair.</li> <li>• K9 dog being trained.</li> <li>• Career Fair.</li> <li>• There was a City Council request that we provide a food bank that would provide ethnic food.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion commenced between Kim, Jennifer, Dennis, and Judy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dennis recommended sending a letter to the State regarding the changes for qualification to use the food banks.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday, June 12, 2023</p>
<p>6. Adjourn</p>	<p>Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm</p>