

MINUTES
Human Services Advisory Council
City of Falls Church

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To advise the City Council on human services delivery to Falls Church residents.

DATE OF MEETING: **October 19, 2023**

PLACE OF MEETING: In Person (Dogwood Room) w/ Virtual Option

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Debra Roth at 6:30 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT:

<p><i>HSAC Members:</i> Alisa Macht Jeff Person Nicole Newman Brian Bowden Debra Roth</p> <p><i>Staff:</i> Dana Jones Cindy Mester (Virtual)</p>	<p><i>City Council Representative:</i></p> <p><i>Student Representatives:</i> Liz Rotherham Jack Ackerman Carter Williams</p> <p><i>CSB Representative:</i> Claudia Volk</p> <p><i>Commission on Aging Representatives:</i></p> <p><i>Guests:</i> Dr. Tanisha Bracey</p>
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APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE AGENDA: The agenda for this meeting was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accessibility in the City of Falls Church –There is a request in the budget amendment, to conduct an accessibility update for the City. HSAC will support this and has written a letter. Commissioner Person will attend the council meeting on Monday and requested if others can join. The letter was read by members and a correction was suggested. Other Commissioners were invited to join him. Council is concerned about the amount of funds required. Student Reps will also be included in the letter.

Marcus Alert – Falls Church City Community Care Team Pilot Program – Dr. Tanisha Bracey provided an update on Falls church City Community Care Team Pilot Program. She said although we have agreement with Fairfax CSB, The City has decided to have their own program. She mentioned that this program just a pilot to try and see how this works out for the City.

Affordable Living Policy Update – Housing Staff is requesting an HSAC Representative to serve on the committee that will working update the policy. Brenden Woodley is working on this policy. Housing staff will attend a future meeting with more details on the timeline of the update. This will effectively update housing goals for the City.

Recruitment – Volunteers - Boards/Commissions HSAC Assistance – A discussion was had on how the City currently recruits for these numerous positions and how HSAC may assist. There was a request to have details on all of the different ways the positions are posted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unity Club Substance Abuse Funds and Accessibility Update – Jeff Person informed members that he is still trying to set up a meeting with the Director of Unity Club.

Well-Being and Seniors Accessibility and Affordable Housing Report – Jeff Person said he is working to make a list of what is needed in the City and will report back.

OTHER – Staff Patel discussed the Community Services Fund application and timeline.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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