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Minutes

Education and Human Services Standing Committee

Thursday, May 2, 2019

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

Committee Members and Staff in Attendance

The Honorable Kristen Larson – Chair
The Honorable Chris Hilbert – Vice Chair (*late arrival*)
Jamie Isley, Assistant City Clerk
Charles Jackson, Council Budget Analyst
Allison Miessler, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Candice Reid, City Clerk
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

Reported Absent

The Honorable Ellen Robertson – Member

Call to Order

Chair Kristen Larson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., and presided.

Evacuation Announcement and Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, Assistant City Clerk Jamie Isley, provided information on the appropriate manner in which the Council Chamber is to be evacuated in the event of an emergency along with citizen speaker guidelines.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Presentation(s)

Aging and Disabilities Advisory Board (ADAB) Annual Presentation

Charles Barker, ADAB chair, and Kim Adams, ADAB vice chair, presented the Committee with an overview of the ADAB's purpose, goals and community impact. Mr. Barker provided statistical data regarding the senior resident population.

Vice Chair Chris Hilbert arrived and was seated at 2:21 p.m.

Chair Kristen Larson inquired as to whether the ADAB has collaborated with city government regarding the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Program.

Mr. Barker confirmed that representatives from the program have presented at the ADAB meetings and the information provided was distributed to the community.

Chair Larson informed Mr. Barker that the maximum annual salary requirement to be eligible for the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Program had been increased to sixty thousand dollars. Chair Larson asked if the ADAB has been in contact with Richmond Public Schools (RPS) to provide resources to students and those within the 18-25 age group.

Mr. Barker advised that the ADAB has outlined collaboration with RPS as a goal and will provide an update before the Committee in six months.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Approval of Minutes

There were no amendments or corrections to the meeting minutes of Thursday, March 7, 2019, and the Committee approved the minutes as presented.

Board Vacancies

Allison Miessler, boards and commissions administrator, reviewed a board application for consideration by the Committee.

Chair Kristen Larson requested clarification as to Scott Cannady’s consideration for the Sister Cities Commission and the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority Board (RBHA).

Ms. Miessler advised that it’s Council’s general practice to appoint an individual to no more than two boards.

Chair Larson inquired as to Mr. Cannady’s appointment preference and where his application is in the process for the Sister Cities Commission.

Ms. Miessler advised that RBHA views Mr. Cannady as a desirable candidate and that his application for the Sister Cities Commission has been forwarded from the Governmental Operations Standing Committee to the May 13, 2019, Council meeting for approval.

Vice Chair Chris Hilbert moved to forward the following board appointment applicant to Council with the recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

Board Name	Criteria for Appointment	Applicant Name
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (15 members)	Applicant must work or reside in the city (1 vacancy)	Scott Cannady

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Paper(s) for Consideration

The following resolution was considered:

RES. 2019-R014

To encourage all City departments and citizens and businesses of the city of Richmond to recycle and decrease the use of single-use plastic products for the purpose of reducing litter and improving the local environment.

Patrons: Mr. Agelasto, Ms. Larson and Mr. Addison

Chair Kristen Larson requested a continuance of 60 days for RES. 2019-R014, so that the Clean City Commission may deliberate their position.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Chris Hilbert moved to continue RES. 2019-R014 to the July 4, 2019, Education and Human Services Standing Committee meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The following ordinance was considered:

ORD. 2019-116

To make grants from the Love Your Block Grant special fund to Boaz and Ruth, Inc., Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond, Enrichmond Foundation, Saving Our Youth, Virginia, and The Salvation Army.

Patron: Mayor Stoney

Paul Manning, Human Services senior policy advisor, and Rebecca Davis, AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member, introduced ORD. 2019-116.

Ms. Davis advised the Committee that all group outcomes are tracked through bi-weekly reporting along with median and final metric reports. Ms. Davis also advised the Committee that the metrics from the final report are given to Cities of Service who is the financier of the Love Your Block Grant.

Vice Chair Chris Hilbert inquired about the application process, how many applications were received and how the grant was promoted.

Mr. Manning stated that a review committee graded the nine applications received, and that the seven awarded applicants must submit bi-weekly, median and final reports based on internal and Cities of Service guidelines. He further stated that the grant was promoted through social media, Neighbor to Neighbor registrants and outreach programs city-wide, and that granting organizations are required to be within neighborhoods that are at or below a specified median income.

There were no further comments or discussions and **Vice Chair Chris Hilbert moved to forward ORD. 2019-116 to the May 13, 2019, Council meeting with recommendation to approve, which was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Staff Report

Charles Jackson, council budget analyst, provided the committee with the May staff report.

A copy of the material provided has been filed.

Chair Kristen Larson requested to add RPS's long term facilities plan as a discussion item at the next Standing Committee meeting, as the cost estimates are below the actual cost for the buildings.

Discussion Item(s)

There were no discussion items.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.