



## Human Services Committee

Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers, Room 2800

**COMMITTEE MEMBER  
PRESENT:**

Bobby Burns, Councilmember, Juan Geracaris, Councilmember, Devon Reid, Councilmember, Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember, and Peter Braithwaite, Councilmember

**COMMITTEE MEMBER  
ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: ALDERMAN REVELLE**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the April 4, 2022**

Staff recommends approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2022

**For Action**

Moved by Councilmember Peter Braithwaite

Seconded by Councilmember Juan Geracaris

**Ayes:** Councilmember Juan Geracaris, Councilmember Eleanor Revelle, and Councilmember Peter Braithwaite

**Carried 3-0 on a recorded vote**

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Evanston Project for Local Assessments of Needs (EPLAN)**

Don Ziegler Chair of the Evanston Health Advisory Council (EHAC) spoke in favor of the Evanston Project for Local Assessment of Needs (EPLAN) of the Health and Human Services Department.

Kristen Meyers the Community Health Specialist of the Health and Human Services

Department gave the IPLAN presentation. Kristen and Greg Olsen the Public Health Manager has been working on the EPLAN for the past 18 months. The findings of the plan illustrate the health priorities of the community, the three priorities focus for the next five years are Racial and Health Equity, Mental Health and Climate Resilience.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Yvi Russell doesn't support the proposed ordinance to lift the park closure time. She also "strongly object to Northwestern not being subject to any noise ordinance regulations since they produce the most noise in my neighborhood".
- B. Betty Bogg Executive Director for Connection for the Homeless is headquartered in the fifth ward and serves primarily poor people of color. Ms Bogg has been alerted to mistruths that are being asserted in public meetings and wanted to address them.  
Lack of oversight led to increase crime:  
She acknowledges the increase calls to emergency services at the Margarita Inn and staff will be comparing data of other sites, and the Police reports. A meeting is scheduled for mid-May with City officials and staff to discuss the findings.  
  
Not providing wrap around services:  
Connections for the Homeless not only provides case management but also onsite physical and mental healthcare, group and individual counselling and substance use support.
- C. Chair Revelle read the comment submitted via email  
Ann and Thomas McMahon they have serious reservations about allowing people to be present at night in City parks.
- D. Chair Revelle read the comment submitted via email.  
Jerry Fuller is "not in favor of repealing the ordinance that prohibits overnight use of city parks".

#### 5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

##### A. Approval of 2022 Funding Allocations for Case Management and Safety Net Services

The Social Services Committee (SSC) and staff recommend that the Human Services Committee approve the FY2022 funding allocations for Case Management and Safety Net Services, implementing the second year of the two-year grant cycle that focuses resources on residents with the greatest needs and barriers to accessing services. The SSC approved these allocations on April 14, 2022; the Human Services Committee recommendation will go to City Council for approval in May. This memo and attachments provide input to the Committee about recommended allocations and agency outcomes.

Moved by Councilmember Peter Braithwaite  
Seconded by Councilmember Devon Reid

**Ayes:** Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Juan Geracaris,  
Councilmember Devon Reid, Councilmember Eleanor Revelle, and

Councilmember Peter Braithwaite

**Carried 5-0 on a recorded vote**

**B. Ordinance 44-O-22, Deleting Title 3, Chapter 11, Section 8 “Photographers, Transient” of the City Code**

Councilmember Reid requests that the Human Services Committee makes a recommendation to the City Council to adopt Ordinance 44-O-22, Deleting Title 3, Chapter 11, Section 8 “Photographers, Transient” of the City Code.

Moved by Councilmember Devon Reid  
Seconded by Councilmember Bobby Burns

**Ayes:** Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Juan Geracaris,  
Councilmember Devon Reid, and Councilmember Eleanor Revelle  
**Nays:** Councilmember Peter Braithwaite

**Carried 4-1 on a recorded vote**

**C. Ordinance 46-O-22, Deleting Title 9, Chapter 5, Section 2 “Burglar’s Tools” of the City Code**

Councilmember Reid requests that the Human Services Committee makes a recommendation to the City Council to adopt Ordinance 46-O-22, Deleting Title 9, Chapter 5, Section 2 “Burglar’s Tools” of the City Code

**Motion to table**

Moved by Councilmember Devon Reid  
Seconded by Councilmember Bobby Burns

**Ayes:** Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Juan Geracaris,  
Councilmember Devon Reid, Councilmember Eleanor Revelle, and  
Councilmember Peter Braithwaite

**Carried 5-0 on a recorded vote**

**6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. Discussion regarding Councilmember Reid's referral to End Park Closures and Police Intervention for Mere Presence at a Park.**

The Parks and Recreation Board does not recommend amending portions of the City Code 7-10-2, “Parks Hours of Operation,” that would strike the provision that makes it “unlawful for any person to use, occupy, play in, lounge about or loiter in any park or playground or building or structure therein at times other than those designated as hours of operation herein.”

Its Councilmember Reid opinion that it should not be illegal to get off work late and take a walk in the parks to decompress. He further stated National Parks are open 24 hours and

recently Paris opened their parks for late access. He sees no compelling reason to have a park closure.

Audrey Thompson, Director Parks and Recreations stands by the Parks and Recreation Board recommendations.

Councilmember Braithwaite does not support ending park closures.

Councilmember Revelle does not support ending park closures.

Motion to refer back to the Parks and Recreation Board for further discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Devon Reid

Seconded by Councilmember Bobby Burns

**Ayes:** Councilmember Bobby Burns and Councilmember Devon Reid

**Nays:** Councilmember Juan Geracaris, Councilmember Eleanor Revelle, and Councilmember Peter Braithwaite

**DEFEATED. 2-3 on a recorded vote**

**7. ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION**

**A. Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report**

Staff recommends the Human Service Committee accept and place on file to review the Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report.

Moved by Councilmember Juan Geracaris

Seconded by Councilmember Peter Braithwaite

**Ayes:** Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember Peter Braithwaite, and Councilmember Juan Geracaris

**Carried 4-0 on a recorded vote**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Mayor