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AGENDA
Human Services Committee
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers, Room 2800
5:00 PM

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(I) CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: COUNCILMEMBER REVELLE

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

M1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2023 4 - 8

Staff recommends approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2023.

For Action

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(III) PUBLIC COMMENT

Those wishing to make public comments at the Human Services Committee meetings may submit written comments in advance or sign up to provide public comment by phone or video during the meeting by completing the City Clerk's Office's online form at <https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/city-clerk/public-comment-sign-up> or by calling/texting 847-448-4311.

Community members may watch the Human Services meeting online at www.cityofevanston.org/channel16 or on Cable Channel 16.

(IV) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- HS1. **Resolution 74-R-23 Approval of an Honorary Street Name Sign Designation** 9 - 15
- Staff requests that the Human Service Committee recommend to the City Council the adoption of Resolution 74-R- 23, designating that portion of Pioneer Road, between Lincoln Street and Colfax Street, with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Larry Suffredin Way.”
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- For Action**
- [Resolution 74-R-23 Approval of an Honorary Street Name Sign Designation](#)
- HS2. **Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report** 16 - 31
- Staff recommends the Human Service Committee accept and place on file the Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report.
- For Action: Accept and Place on File**
- [Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report](#)
- HS3. **2024 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE** 32 - 33
- Staff recommends approval of the Human Services Committee meeting dates for 2024.
- For Action**
- [2024 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE](#)
- HS4. **Beekeeper License Complaint** 34 - 42
- Staff recommends the Human Services Committee approve or deny the license issued to an Evanston beekeeper located at 3040 Grant Street. An expert bee evaluator conducted an inspection and provided a report not recommending the removal of the hives from the property. The authority to deny or grant the license application of a beekeeper based on an adjacent property owner’s objection vests with the Human Services Committee
- For Action**
- [Beekeeper License Complaint](#)
[City of Evanston Beekeeping Report 3040 Grant St](#)
[State Bee Inspection](#)

HS5. **City Council Goals: Public Health** 43 - 45

Staff recommends the approval of the public health goals, which will be forwarded to the full City Council for consideration.

For Action

[City Council Goals: Public Health](#)

(V) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

HS6. **Approval of \$883,700 to establish a 2-year health initiative (Evanston Pathway to Wellness) that will help support and improve the health outcomes of Evanston's most vulnerable residents.** 46 - 52

Councilmember Burns recommends the Human Services Committee review and discuss the allocation of \$883,700 in ARPA funds to develop a two-year pilot program to help improve the health outcomes of residents in lower-income neighborhoods. The recommendation is based on a mission to reduce the poor health outcomes that exist largely in lower-income neighborhoods.

American Rescue Plan Act, 170.99.1700.55251

For Discussion

[2-Year Health Initiative](#)

(VI) ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

HS7. **Evanston Environment Board Update** 53 - 56

The Evanston Environment Board is recommending the Human Services Committee accept and place on file the Environment Board's report.

For Action: Accept and Place on File

[Memo](#)

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(VII) ADJOURNMENT

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Human Services Committee

Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:

Bobby Burns, Councilmember, Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember, Devon Reid, Councilmember, Krissie Harris, Councilmember, and Juan Geracaris, Councilmember

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Ike Ogbo, Staff Liaison

(I) CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: COUNCILMEMBER REVELLE

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. Roll call. Councilmember Burns is absent at rollcall, arriving at 5:41 p.m.

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

HS1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the August 21, 2023

Staff recommends approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2023

For Action

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Approved

By General Consent, the minutes were approved as written 4-0.

(III) PRESENTATIONS

HS2. ARTS COUNCIL

Joyy Norris, Cultural Arts Coordinator for the City of Evanston and Melissa Molitor, Chair of the Arts Council, presented and highlighted the Arts Council activities for the past year. Their 3-year plan for the future is to 1. Increase the Budget to Support the EAC staff, grants program expansion, EAC community programming, and engagement. 2. Increase outreach and communication with community artists and arts organizations and increase

communication, collaboration, and partnership with city departments, sectors, and wards 3.
Increase funding.

The Arts Council's 50th Anniversary is in 2025 and will be celebrated the entire year.

HS3. VICTIM SERVICES

Kelli Nelson and Ariel Jackson, Victim Advocates for the Health and Human Services Department, highlighted the role of a Victim advocate which involves crisis response intervention, short-term counseling intervention, providing education partially around domestic violence, medical and court advocacy, and providing referrals.

(IV) PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Doblin, MD, a General Internist and the Medical Director of Evanston Health and Human Services, supports Ordinance 74-O-23 Amending Title 3, Chapter 14 to Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products.

Don Ziegler, Chair of EHAC, supports Ordinance 74-O-23 Amending Title 3, Chapter 14 to Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products.

Shonnel Blair, Health Promotions Specialist at the American Lung Association in Greater Chicago, supports the ban on flavored tobacco products.

Emma Daisy supports the ban on flavored tobacco products in Evanston.

David Spross is against the ban on flavored tobacco products in Evanston. It will increase cross-border sales, and the ban will hurt tobacco retailers in Evanston.

Camille Cummings supports the ban on flavored tobacco products.

Christoph Jenkins, creator of The Poet Life, supports Ordinance 74-O-23 Amending Title 3, Chapter 14 to Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products.

Anthony Martinez recited a poem on the lure of tobacco and its effects.

Inna Melnikov updated the committee on her situation since her appearance in May regarding smells in her condominium building.

(V) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HS4. The General Assistance Annual Report

Staff is recommending the Human Services Committee Accept and Place on File the General Assistance annual report.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Item Approved

By General Consent, the General Assistance Annual Report was approved as presented to be Accepted and Placed on File 5-0.

HS5. **Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report**

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

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Item Approved

By General Consent, the Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report was approved 5-0 to be Accepted and Placed on File.

HS6. **Ordinance 74-O-23 Amending Title 3, Chapter 14 to Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products**

Councilmember Reid and staff request that the Human Services Committee recommend to the City Council the adoption of Ordinance 74-O-23 Amending Title 3, Chapter 14 To Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco and menthol products within the City of Evanston.

Councilmember Reid moved to amend the language to ban all flavored tobacco and only ban flavored e-cigarettes and menthol cigarettes, reverting to the original ordinance.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Ayes: Burns, Reid, and Harris
Nays: Revelle and Geracaris

Motion Passed 3-2 on a recorded vote

The Ordinance, as amended, was moved, seconded, and approved to advance to the City Council.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Geracaris

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Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Harris, and Geracaris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

HS7. **Ordinance 98-O-23, Amending City Code Section 9-5-8, "Gambling" to Provide Exceptions to the Gambling Prohibition**

Councilmember Reid and staff request the Human Services Committee recommend to the City Council the passage of Ordinance 98-O-23, Amending City Code Section 9-5-8, "Gambling" to Provide Exceptions to the Gambling Prohibition

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Harris, and Geracaris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

HS8. **Ordinance 77-O-23, Amending Title 3 of the Evanston City Code to Add Chapter 35, "Minimum Wage"**

Councilmember Reid requests that the Human Services Committee recommend the adoption of Ordinance 77-O-23, Amending Title 3 of the Evanston City Code to Add Chapter 35, "Minimum Wage," to the City Council.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Harris, and Geracaris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

An amendment to the Ordinance to remove all reference to the elimination of the subminimum wage, the service charge exemption, and the sales tax from the Ordinance.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Burns

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Harris, and Geracaris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

HS9. **Ordinance 61-O-23, Amending City Code Section 7-10-3 "General Regulations"**

The cost of the signage is approximately \$1,100 for a total of 11 signs. Funds for this expense will be deducted from the Park Utility/Minor Equipment and Tools Account (100.30.3025.65085), which has an FY23 budget of \$7,000 and a remaining balance of \$7,000

Staff requests that the Human Services Committee recommend the adoption of Ordinance

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61-O-23, Amending City Code Section 7-10-3 "General Regulations" to the City Council.

Moved by Councilmember Harris
Seconded by Councilmember Reid

Item Approved

HS10. Beekeeper License Complaint

Staff recommends the Human Services Committee table the objection against an Evanston beekeeper located at 3040 Grant Street until an expert bee evaluator can be found to provide a report regarding the complaints. The authority to deny or grant the license application of a beekeeper based on an adjacent property owner's objection vests with the Human Services Committee.

Motion to table

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Councilmember Harris

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Reid, Harris, and Geracaris

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

(VI) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(VII) ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

(VIII) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Mayor



Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Audrey Thompson, Parks & Recreation Director
CC: Parks and Recreation Board
Subject: Resolution 74-R-23 Approval of an Honorary Street Name Sign Designation
Date: November 28, 2023

Recommended Action:

Staff requests that the Human Service Committee recommend to the City Council the adoption of Resolution 74-R- 23, designating that portion of Pioneer Road, between Lincoln Street and Colfax Street, with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Larry Suffredin Way.”

Funding Source:

Funds for the honorary street name sign program are budgeted in the Public Works Agency, Public Service Bureau - Traffic Operations' materials fund (Account 100.40.4520.65115), which has a fiscal year budget of \$58,000 and a year-to-date balance of \$5,000. The approximate cost to create three street name signs is \$200.

Committee Action:

For Action

Summary:

The Honorary Street Name Sign program was established in 1996 to allow citizens the opportunity to honor individuals or groups that have contributed greatly to the City of Evanston through cultural, historical, or humanitarian acts.

The program is administered by the Parks and Recreation Board through the Parks and Recreation Department. Requests for an honorary street name sign designation have to originate with a Councilmember, and each Councilmember may have one honorary designation approved each year.

Attached is an application submitted by Councilmember Eleanor Revelle. If approved, three street name signs will be made. One sign will be installed at each end of the designated one-block area, and the third sign will be given to the honoree. The honorary designation expires ten years after its passage by the City Council, at which time the signs will be removed (Resolution 52-R-01).

Legislative History:

The Parks and Recreation Board recommended approval of the honorary street name sign application at its October 19, 2023, meeting.

Attachments:

[Resolution 74-R-23](#)

[Honorary Street Name Sign application](#)

74-R-23

A RESOLUTION

Designating that Portion of Pioneer Road between Lincoln Street and Colfax Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Larry Suffredin Way”

WHEREAS, Larry Suffredin served the citizens of the City of Evanston and Cook County for twenty (20) years as both a Cook County Commissioner and Forest Preserve Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Suffredin, as Cook County Commissioner, sponsored ordinances and resolutions that codified County laws, saved the old Cook County hospital from demolition, enacted an Assault Weapons ban, raised the minimum wage, and created an Independent Inspector General, among other things; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Suffredin, as Forest Preserve Commissioner, sponsored ordinances and resolutions for a successful tax referendum that is providing much needed funding for the forest preserve, for requiring children to wear bike helmets, and for expanded land restoration, the Master Steward program, and to recognize the important role of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Suffredin is first and foremost an Evanstonian at heart and has dedicated his life to improving the city and Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: On behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of Evanston, the City Council hereby expresses appreciation for Larry Suffredin by designating that portion of Pioneer Road between Lincoln Street and Colfax Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Larry Suffredin Way."

SECTION 3: This Resolution 74-R-23 will be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Daniel Biss, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Alexandra Ruggie, Interim Corporation Counsel

Attest:

Stephanie Mendoza, City Clerk

Adopted: _____, 2023

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS: _____

X CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH EVANSTON: Larry represented Evanston for 20 years (2002-2022) as Cook County and Forest Preserve Commissioner. During his service, he sponsored ordinances and resolutions that codified County laws, saved the old County Hospital from demolition, enacted an Assault Weapons Ban, raised the minimum wage, and created an Independent Inspector General – among many other things.

X DISTINGUISHED CAREER BROUGHT TO THE CITY: As Forest Preserve Commissioner Larry sponsored ordinances and resolutions for a successful tax referendum that is providing much needed funding for the forest preserve, for requiring children to wear bike helmets, and for expanded land restoration, the Master Steward program, and to recognize the important role of trained volunteers.

 GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP OF STREET TO FOCUS OF INTEREST
Larry's home for many years is on this block, at 2431 Pioneer Road,

X A LIVING INDIVIDUAL (EXCLUSIVE OF CITY OF EVANSTON STAFF)

Signature of Applicant: *Shannon Ruelle* Date: 10/5/23
(Councilmember)

Applicant's Address: 2815 Lakeside Court, Evanston 60201 Phone 312-459-0644
Email: erevelle@cityofevanston.org

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
Applicant's Address: _____ Phone _____
Email: _____

Submit completed form to:
City of Evanston
Parks and Recreation Department
2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201
Fax: 847-448-8051
pbelcher@cityofevanston.org

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Property Browser

The map displays a residential neighborhood with several property parcels outlined in red. A central green area is labeled "Quinlan Park". A road, "Elm Ave", runs diagonally through the center. Various parcel numbers are visible, including 2410, 2404, 2434, 2424, 2402, 2414, 2410, 2406, 2402, 2415, 2409, 2405, 2401, 2431, 2425, 2415, 2407, 2401, 2222, 2214, 2227, 2223, and 2219. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 100 feet.

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Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Jennifer Levi, Administrative Assistant
Subject: Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report
Date: November 28, 2023

Recommended Action:

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

Committee Action:

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Summary:

Attached are the summaries of 1 (one) complaint and 6 (six) compliments since our last meeting.

Enclosed summaries include:

DI #23-05

Attachments:

[Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Compliments November 28, 2023](#)

Police Complaints

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
Departmental Inquiry

DI # 23-05

Initiated: June 22, 2023

Completed: October 23, 2023

Allegation

On June 22, 2023, the OPS Commander and the OPS Sergeant met with the Complainant regarding a nuisance complaint. The Complainant alleged that the Accused Officer was condescending and laughed at her during their interaction.

The Complainant also alleged that she called 911 for assistance but was met with resistance by an uncooperative Telecommunicator. Additionally, The Complainant raised concerns about being followed by the police and alleged that a tracking device was placed on her vehicle. The OPS Commander classified this complaint as a Departmental Inquiry.

If the allegations are true, the Accused Officer may have violated the following:

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training, or order of the Department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rules, regulations, policy, training, or order in question.
- Rule 2** Any action or conduct, on or off duty, which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its goals, mission, or values, or which degrades or brings disrespect upon any member or the Department as a whole; or any action that impedes the operation or efficiency of the Department and its members.
- Rule 18** Disrespectful behavior, willful maltreatment, or abusive language towards any person, whether a citizen or a member of the Department.
- Rule 20** Failure to provide prompt, correct, or courteous service.

If the allegations are true, the Accused Telecommunicator (TCO) may have violated the following:

- Rule 1** Violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, or of any rule, regulation, standard operating procedure, policy, directive, training, or order of the Department, either written or oral. In the event of improper action, breach of discipline, or violation of law, it will be presumed that the employee was familiar with the law, rules, regulations, policy, training, or order in question.
- Rule 2** Any action or conduct, on or off duty, which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its goals, mission, or values, or which degrades or brings disrespect upon any member or the Department as a whole; or any action that impedes the operation or efficiency of the Department and its members.
- Rule 18** Disrespectful behavior, willful maltreatment, or abusive language towards any person, whether a citizen or a member of the Department.

Rule 20 Failure to provide prompt, correct, or courteous service.

Rule 51 Refusing to correctly or promptly give star number and/or name when requested by other members or private citizens.

The Incident

The OPS Commander reviewed video footage of the Complainant and the Accused Officer's Body Worn Camera (BWC) recorded. The incident is as follows:

On June 13, 2023, at 2338 hrs, Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Oak Ave in response to a 911 call from the Complainant regarding ongoing issues with her neighbor and their dog. The Complainant expressed concern that their dog consistently barked when she exited her apartment building with her dog. She believed her neighbors intentionally provoked their dog to bark at her through the apartment door, creating an ongoing problem. The Complainant also reported that a neighbor intentionally timed his outings to coincide with her outings, obstructing her from reentering the building by blocking access to the stairway leading to her apartment. The Complainant clarified that no explicit threats of violence were made against her.

The Accused Officer spoke with the Complainant's neighbor. The neighbor denied any knowledge of the Complainant and denied following or blocking her access to the building. The neighbor asserted that the Complainant created disturbances within her apartment and walked loudly.

The Complainant made multiple calls to the Evanston Police Department within the hour, expressing dissatisfaction with the service the responding officers provided, explicitly mentioning the Accused Officer.

It is noted that a Sergeant responded to the scene to follow up with the Complainant but never made contact with her. The Complainant later spoke to another Sergeant at a distance, but the audio from his BWC could not be heard.

Actions, per OPS Commander

On June 22, 2023, the OPS Commander and the OPS Sergeant met with the Complainant in the Office of Professional Standards Office to discuss her complaint. The Complainant explained that her complaint stemmed from ongoing issues with her neighbor's barking dog, for which the Accused Officer had responded. She felt the Accused Officer was condescending and laughed at her during their interaction. The Complainant also expressed frustration because the Accused Officer had discussed personal matters unrelated to her call for help. She insisted that she only wanted the facts of her case addressed and did not appreciate attempts at relating to her situation.

The Complainant stated that after the Accused Officer left, she called 911 again because she felt her initial complaint had not been adequately addressed. The Complainant requested another officer and a supervisor to respond to the scene. Subsequently, a supervisor responded to their location. A report was also generated regarding this incident.

The Complainant reviewed the Accused Officer's BWC footage, but she still believed she had been mocked despite not observing any laughter in the footage. She felt that the Accused Officer had smiled at her in a way that made her feel ridiculed.

The Complainant also recounted her experience with the Accused TCO. The Complainant felt that her 911 call for assistance was met with resistance. The Complainant stated that when she had initially requested another officer and supervisor, the Accused TCO questioned why she wanted someone else to respond if she didn't want to speak with the first responding officer.

During the interview, the Complainant mentioned that she had recorded the conversation on her cell phone. The Complainant claimed that the Evanston Police Department had been tapping her phone. The Complainant denied involvement in any criminal activity. The Complainant further mentioned she believed that some Evanston Police Department officers were following her and that an unknown officer had placed a tracking device on her vehicle. The Complainant couldn't provide specific details about these officers and didn't find any tracking device on her car. The OPS Commander and Sergeant reassured the Complainant that she was not under police surveillance and that there was no legal process for such monitoring.

It was agreed that further review of the audio from the 911 calls call would take place, and a follow-up meeting with the Complainant would be scheduled once more information was available. The interview concluded with the completion of a request form for the 911 audio recordings.

On July 5, 2023, a copy of the 911 call was subsequently obtained and added to Evidence.com for further review.

Actions, Patrol Sergeant

The Patrol Sergeant advised the Accused Officer of this complaint and directed her to submit memoranda delineating her recollection of this incident. The Accused Officer complied.

Accused Officer's Memorandum: The Accused Officer stated that during the call, she tried to relate with the Complainant by using personal situations she experienced as a dog owner. The Accused Officer denied laughing or making light of the Complainant's situation, and she also spoke with the Complainant's neighbor as requested. The Accused Officer also stated that she ended the call but was called back a few minutes later, and the Complainant requested a different officer as well as a supervisor to respond to the scene (Dated 07/31/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Sergeant

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, video, and audio associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Patrol Sergeant stated that the Accused Officer followed protocols and rules appropriately. During the second call, the Patrol Sergeant stated that the Accused Officer provided various solutions to the Complainant's problems, maintained professionalism, and remained courteous, even when faced with frustration.

When the Patrol Sergeant listened to the dispatch calls, she found no concerning information. The Patrol Sergeant stated that the Accused Officer's radio message, "In case anyone goes

there tonight, she has a huge attitude. Just FYI," seemed accurate. The Patrol Sergeant agreed that the Complainant appeared uncooperative and resistant to finding a solution during their encounter, which made resolving the Complainant's issues difficult.

The Patrol Sergeant **FOUND** that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 18, & 20** and classified them as **NOT SUSTAINED**. The Patrol Sergeant **RECOMMENDED** the Accused Officer be **EXONERATED** from all rule and policy violations (Dated 07/29/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, Patrol Commander

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, video, and audio associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Patrol Commander **CONCURRED** with the Patrol Sergeant and **FOUND** that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 18, & 20** and classified them as **NOT SUSTAINED**, with no further recommendations (Dated 08/11/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, Deputy Chief

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, video, and audio associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Deputy Chief **CONCURRED** with the Patrol Commander and the Patrol Sergeant that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 18, & 20** and classified them as **NOT SUSTAINED** with **NO FURTHER ACTIONS**(Dated 08/16/2023).

The following is in regard to the Accused Telecommunicator (TCO):

The Incident, Communications Manager

On June 14, 2023, at 00:06 hrs, the Accused TCO received a 911 call from the Complainant concerning a noise complaint. She also expressed concern that someone was following her outside the building. The Accused TCO informed the Complainant that the Accused Officer had recently been to the location and was still in the area. The Complainant requested a "white shirt" (Supervisor) to respond.

The Accused TCO notified the Accused Officer about the request. The Accused TCO informed the Complainant that the Accused Officer was returning to speak with her, but the Complainant reminded the Accused TCO that she didn't want to talk to the same officer from the previous visit.

The Complainant asked, "Who is this?". The Accused TCO identified himself as "dispatch." He then reiterated the Complainant's earlier reluctance to speak with the Accused Officer. The Complainant requested a Supervisor for a second time. The Accused TCO agreed, saying, "Sure, we'll get you a supervisor, OK?" and then ended the call.

The Communication Manager advised the Accused TCO of this complaint and directed him to submit memoranda delineating his recollection of this incident. The Accused TCO complied.

Accused TCO's Memorandum: The Accused TCO's statement was similar to the 911 call mentioned above. In addition, the Accused TCO stated that while he was handling the 911 call

and monitoring the police radio, he missed the caller's initial request for a supervisor. The Accused TCO stated he then relayed information to the Accused Officer, that the Complainant requested her to return and mentioned the caller's previous lack of cooperation.

The Accused TCO stated that his communication with the Complainant may have come across as rude, which was not his intention. He further stated that the call abruptly after the caller asked, "Who is this ?" without providing his name, which he admitted was a mistake.

The Accused TCO concluded his statement by saying that he should have handled the situation better and will prioritize improved customer service in the future and that the "citizens are a vital part of the Evanston Police Department team, and are in fact the most important part of our team"(Dated 05/16/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, Communications Manager

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, video, and audio associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Communications Manager **FOUND** that the Accused TCO **DID NOT VIOLATE RULE 18**. The Communications Manager stated that the Accused TCO did not willfully mistreat or verbally abuse the caller. However, the Communications Manager **FOUND** that the Accused TCO **DID VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 20, & 51** and classified them as **SUSTAINED**. The Communications Manager **RECOMMENDED** the Accused TCO receive **SHIFT LEVEL REPRIMAND** (Dated 09/19/2023).

Findings /Recommendation, Administrative Deputy Chief

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, video, and audio associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Administrative Deputy Chief also **FOUND** that the Accused TCO **DID NOT VIOLATE RULE 18**; she stated that the Accused TCO could have handled this incident in a more professional manner, but he was not abusive or disrespectful towards the caller. The Administrative Deputy Chief **FOUND** that the Accused TCO **DID VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 20, & 51**, and classified them as **SUSTAINED**. The Administrative Deputy Chief **RECOMMENDED** the Accused TCO receive **SHIFT LEVEL REPRIMAND** (Dated 09/19/2023).

Findings / Recommendation, CPRC

In the review of **DI # 23-05**, the members of the Commission discussed the investigation and agreed the findings and recommendations set forth in the investigation and summary report were complete, thorough, objective, and fair. The Commission voted **6-0** to move this complaint to the Human Services Committee for final review.

**Findings / Recommendation, Chief of Police
Accused Officer**

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, video, and audio associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Chief of Police **CONCURRED** with the Deputy Chief. The Chief of Police **FOUND** that the Accused Officer **DID NOT VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 18, & 20** and classified them as **NOT SUSTAINED** with **NO FURTHER ACTION** (Dated 10/23/2023).

**Findings / Recommendation, Chief of Police
Accused TCO**

After reviewing all reports, memoranda, video, and audio associated with this Departmental Inquiry, the Chief of Police **CONCURRED** with the Administrative Deputy Chief and also **FOUND** that the Accused TCO **DID NOT VIOLATE RULE 18**. However, the Chief of Police has **FOUND** that the Accused TCO **DID VIOLATE RULES 1, 2, 20, & 51**, and classified them as **SUSTAINED** and **RECOMMENDED** the **SHIFT LEVEL COUNSELING** (dated 10/23/2023).

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Professional Standards
CPRC Report
DI 23-05

Summary of Facts - Accused Officer:

- Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Oak Ave in response to a 911 call from the Complainant regarding ongoing issues with her neighbor and their dog. The Complainant clarified that no explicit threats of violence were made against her.
- The Accused Officer spoke with the Complainant's neighbor as requested by the Complainant. The neighbor denied any knowledge of the Complainant or any problems she may have encountered.
- The Complainant made multiple calls to the Evanston Police Department within the hour, expressing dissatisfaction with the service the responding officers provided, explicitly mentioning the Accused Officer and her ability to resolve the situation.

Summary of Facts - Accused Telecommunicator (TCO):

- Accused TCO received a 911 call from the Complainant concerning a noise complaint and stated someone was following her outside the building.
- The Accused TCO informed the Complainant that the Accused Officer had recently been to the location and was still in the area.
- The Complainant requested a "white shirt" (Supervisor) to respond.
- The Accused TCO informed the Complainant that the Accused Officer was returning to speak with her, but the Complainant reminded the Accused TCO that she didn't want to talk to the same officer from the previous visit.
- The Complainant asked, "Who is this?" The Accused TCO identified himself as "dispatch."
- The Complainant requested a Supervisor for a second time. The Accused TCO agreed, saying, "Sure, we'll get you a supervisor, OK?" and then ended the call.

Allegations:

The Complainant alleged that the Accused Officer was condescending and laughed at her during their interaction. The Complainant also alleged that she called 911 for assistance but was met with resistance by an uncooperative Telecommunicator.

Recommended Adjudications:

Accused Officer

Patrol Sergeant Recommendations

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| Rules | 1, 2, 18, & 20 | Not Sustained |
| | | No Further Action |

Patrol Commander Recommendations

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Accused TCO

Communications Manager Recommendations

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| Rules | 1, 2, 20 & 51 | Sustained |
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Administrative Deputy Chief Recommendations

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- Unfounded** - Allegations false; no creditable evidence to support them
- Withdrawn** - Complainant withdrew complaint
- Not Sustained** - Insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegations
- Exonerated** - Incident occurred, but was lawful or proper
- Policy Failure** - Allegation true, but the officer acted in conformance with policy resulting in harm to the complainant
- Not City Related** - Outside the jurisdiction of the City
- Sustained** - Allegations supported by sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable conclusion of guilt
- SOL (Unresolved)** - The complainant failed to cooperate further

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Evanston Police



Kudos

Comments & letters from the public and
fellow Police Departments

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIZED CALLS, TEXTS, AND EMAILS TO THE EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. SOME OF THE NOTES WERE EDITED FOR CLARITY, ANONYMITY, AND/OR GRAMMATICAL ERRORS - JEL

NOVEMBER 2023

MORTON GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Simo
Chief of Police

Chief Schenita Stewart
Evanston Police Department
1454 Elmwood Ave
Evanston, IL 60201

October 24th, 2023

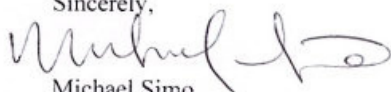
Dear Chief Stewart:

On behalf of the Morton Grove Police Department, I would like to thank you for the assistance we received from your Department's personnel on September 29th, 2023. At 1502 hours MGPD responded to the 6400 block of Beckwith for a report of a personal injury crash. A UPS truck was parked along the curb and its driver was at the rear of the truck when a vehicle crashed into the rear of it, resulting in the UPS driver's leg being amputated. From the nature of the injuries involved, it was evident that this event was going to require the assistance of the Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT) and an extensive investigation. A request for an MCAT activation was made by MGPD's patrol supervisor. The following personnel from the Evanston Police Department responded to assist MGPD as part of the MCAT element:

Sergeant Dan Keeler
Sergeant Rich Tyson
Officer Jana Cram
Officer Jeremy Nieman

Please pass on our deepest appreciation to Sgt. Keeler, Sgt. Tyson, Ofc. Cram, and Ofc. Nieman. This incident is illustrative of the strong working relationship that exists between our agencies, and we are thankful for the assistance on that day. Please know that the Morton Grove Police Department stands ready to assist the Evanston Police Department should the need ever arise.

Sincerely,



Michael Simo
Chief of Police

cc: Deputy Chief Michael Weitzel

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NOVEMBER 2023

OCTOBER 19, 2023

An email sent by **Cook County State's Attorney**

Good afternoon, **Commander James Pillars #932,**

I wanted to take a quick second to commend **Officer Vycheslav Leontiev #213**. I recently worked on a shooting case and Officer Leontiev was one of the first officers on scene and he performed what I believe to be lifesaving actions for the Juvenile victim. In my work on the case, I reviewed Officer Leontiev's BWC. He was exemplary in his response to a very tragic situation. His response on scene allowed time for EMS to arrive and ultimately the victim survived. Officer Leontiev is a great asset to your department and his actions in this case did not go unnoticed.

OCTOBER 17, 2023

Email from **Sergeant Sofia Syed #8**

An **Evanston Resident**, called to compliment **Detention Desk Officer Tanya Gowans** on her service. The caller stated that DDO Gowans was very polite and patient with him when taking the call.

Nice Job!

OCTOBER 15, 2023

Email from a **Citizen**

Officer Oliver Tanenbaum #224, was on patrol, visiting Jewish places of worship. He arrived at the main entrance, introduced himself, and reassured us that there had been no concerning incidents to worry about. He also mentioned that he, along with other officers, would be closely monitoring JRC during this period of increased anti-Semitism.

OCTOBER 02, 2023

Email from **Sergeant Daniel Keeler # 20**

Good Morning,

Someone called to thank **Officers Daniel Pack #234, Jaclyn Roden #124, and Mario Sanchez #232**. They located and assisted her grandmother the morning of October 02nd. Her grandmother was found on a stranger's front porch; she was disoriented and suffering from facial injuries.

Nice job!

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Email from **Sergeant Marla Dukler # 24**

An Evanston resident called to express his gratitude towards **Officers Daniel Pack #234** and **Mario Sanchez, #232**, for their invaluable help in locating his missing elderly wife. The caller conveyed that he was deeply distressed when his beloved wife went missing, and the officers' prompt assistance provided him with much-needed comfort and reassurance. The caller also mentioned that he and his wife had recently relocated to Evanston and were pleasantly surprised by the exceptional service provided by the Evanston Police Department which gives him peace of mind and he is extremely grateful for their fine work.

Kudos!



Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
Subject: 2024 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE
Date: November 28, 2023

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of the Human Services Committee meeting dates for 2024.

Committee Action:

For Action

Summary:

The 2024 dates are as follows:

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 (New Year's Day observed on Monday, January 1)
Monday, February 5, 2024
Monday, March 4, 2024
Monday, April 1, 2024
Monday, May 6, 2024
Monday, June 3, 2024
Monday, July 1, 2024
Monday, August 5, 2024
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 (Labor Day is celebrated on Monday, September 2)
Monday, October 7, 2024
Monday, November 4, 2024
Monday, December 2, 2024

Attachments:

[2024 HSC Meeting Schedule](#)



Date: November 7, 2023

To: Members of the Human Services Committee

From: Ike Ogbo, Director, Health and Human Services Department

Re: 2024 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Human Services Committee meeting is held on the first Monday of each month (unless otherwise stated) at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.

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Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
Subject: Beekeeper License Complaint
Date: November 28, 2023

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Human Services Committee approve or deny the license issued to an Evanston beekeeper located at 3040 Grant Street. An expert bee evaluator conducted an inspection and provided a report not recommending the removal of the hives from the property. The authority to deny or grant the license application of a beekeeper based on an adjacent property owner's objection vests with the Human Services Committee

Committee Action:

For Action

Summary:

The beekeeping activities at 3040 Grant St. Evanston were brought to the attention of the City in June 2023. At first, the beekeeper residing at 3040 Grant St, Evanston, was unaware that an Evanston Ordinance exists which requires beekeepers to be licensed by the City and submit necessary documents, including proof of registration of bee colonies with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The licensing process also requires the submission of written proof of notice to all adjacent property owners by the beekeeper upon bringing any bee colony into the City.

On July 6, 2023, the City issued a license to operate an apiary at 3040 Grant after the beekeeper met all City standards, including inspection requirements. On July 10, 4 days after issuing the beekeeper a license, the Health and Human Services Department staff received a complaint from an adjacent neighbor regarding the beekeeper's inability to properly manage the bee colony. The adjacent property owners sent several other complaints to the Department that ranged from the bees swarming dive bombing to bees attacking and stinging neighbors. The adjacent neighbor is in opposition to the beekeeper being granted a license to continue to operate an apiary. Each complaint resulted in inspections by licensed Environmental Health Practitioners within the Department. No issues were found during these inspections.

In response to the complaints, the beekeeper provided a message to the Department regarding steps taken to rectify any issues relayed by the adjacent property owner. The beekeeper has amassed seven years of experience in beekeeping and has employed strategies to inhibit any aggressive behaviors of the queens. One of her strategies was requeening the hives as quickly as possible, as the Ordinance stipulates, in order to counter any unusually aggressive behaviors. The beekeeper has also invested in two ultrasonic bee-repelling devices to deter the bees from the neighbor's property.

Per Ordinance- 9-4-19. (BEEKEEPING), Upon receipt of notice from the beekeeper, any adjacent property owner may file a written objection to the applicant's license application. In order to object to the applicant's license application, the adjacent property owner must file, within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice, a written objection with the Director of the Health and Human Services Department. The license application for an apiary at 3040 Grant St. was received on June 16, 2023, and a license to operate the apiary was issued on July 6, 2023. The objection to the beekeeper having an apiary was received on July 10, 2023, which is within 30 days of the receipt of the notice. The authority to review any objection from any adjacent property owner and the authority to grant or deny any applicant's license application based on any objection vests with the Human Services Committee. The City currently has over 15 apiaries at various locations.

At the August Human Services meeting, the Committee directed staff to seek the services of an expert bee evaluator to provide a report of their findings regarding the operations of the beekeeper. Staff made requests to the Department of Agriculture to provide a State Bee Inspector to inspect bee hives at the location. The Department of Agriculture made available an Inspector and an onsite inspection was conducted on September 12, 2023. Staff obtained the official report through a FOIA request two weeks after the inspection.

Upon review of the inspection report, the report focused more on the health of the bees and did not provide any recommendations as requested for most of the issues that were brought to the attention of the City. Matters such as whether requeening the bees were successful, or other sufficient steps were not addressed. The report furnished by the State did not include if the hives are located appropriately in relation to the neighbor's property and any water sources. The report is attached. Due to this reason, the item was tabled until an expert, as directed by the Committee, performs an evaluation to address the concerns.

In October 2023, an expert Entomologist with a wealth of knowledge and experience in beekeeping was hired to conduct an evaluation of the beekeeping activities of the beekeeper and provide a report of recommendations and best practices. The Entomologist has a Master of Science Degree in Entomology and inspects and manages 180-700 colonies each year in Cook, Lake, McHenry, DuPage, and Will counties.

On October 23, 2023, the evaluation was conducted in the company of the beekeeper and the neighbor's representative. At this juncture, the Entomologist is not recommending the removal of the hives at 3040 Grant St. During the evaluation, the bees in the hives were docile, and without the specimen of the insect that stung the neighbors, the Entomologist is not recommending removing the hives. The neighbor indicates that she is able to identify the type of sting by the insect, but the Entomologist is unable to identify the insect without photos

or specimens. No photos or specimens have been provided, and a yellow jacket nest that might have been a result of the stings was removed in the neighbor's yard.

The Entomologist recommended that a compromise could be reached by relocating the hives across the yard closer to the house on the other corner of the fenced-in backyard in April 2024, when the bees become more active again. The temperament of the bees when the Entomologist inspected them was mild. The Entomologist's report is attached to this memo.

Attachments:

[City of Evanston Beekeeping Report 3040 Grant St State Bee Inspection](#)

Three hives at 3040 Grant St were inspected on 10/23/2023. Inside the hives, there are certain things that can agitate honey bees and cause them to be more likely to sting. Some of these things are controllable by the beekeeper. Genetics, food stores, mites, health of the colonies, pests, rodents, and other factors can create more or less defensive colonies.

Hive 1 is furthest from the home, hive 2 is in the middle, and hive 3 is closest to the home (Photo 1).

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Hive 2. Different genetics than hive 1 but no stings during the inspection, bees were calm but a little more flighty, heavy with honey for winter, had mite medicine, no signs of pests or rodents, no other factors found to cause stings, has yellow jacket protector

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There was a water source provided by the beekeeper right by the hives that stays heated in the winter with materials for the bees to land on safely (Photo 2).

Possible mitigation pathways to consider:

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2. Mary showed me where a yellow jacket wasp nest was living in the neighbor's yard close to her home. I was told the neighbor had them eradicated. The neighbor told me the family has received stings while enjoying their backyard. She mentioned

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Beekeeping Report
3040 Grant St

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Leaving Mileage _____ Time _____ (day) _____
 Leave Home _____ Arrive _____ Beekeeper's Name _____ District Number _____

APIARY INSPECTION SITE REPORT
APIARY INSPECTION SECTION

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62794-9281

Name MARY NISI Apiary No. 1 County COOK
 Address [REDACTED] Township _____ Section _____
 City, St, Zip EVANSTON IL 60201 Apiary Location AT HOME
 Registration No. 12077

Latitude 42.060270 Longitude -87.724033

| Disease or Pest | # of Colonies | # Examined | Samples Obtained | Dis. Notice Issued? | Comments |
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| Small Hive Beetle | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | |

of Colonies 3 # Examined 3 # Dead _____
 Inspector Signature [REDACTED] Date 9/12/23
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Name MADY NISI

Address [REDACTED]

City, St, Zip EVANSTON IL 60201

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Inspector Signature [REDACTED] Date 9/12/23

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Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
CC: Kristin Meyer, Public Health Analyst ,HHS
Subject: City Council Goals: Public Health
Date: November 28, 2023

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the approval of the public health goals, which will be forwarded to the full City Council for consideration.

Committee Action:

For Action

Summary:

The Evanston City Council has set six goals for 2023 through 2025. As part of each goal, the City Council has emphasized that equity be a key objective in achieving each goal. Public Health has been selected as one of these goals to be undertaken through the implementation of measurable outcomes that address health priorities identified in the City's EPLAN. The current EPLAN's impetus is to strengthen equitable access to resources, close the racial life expectancy gaps, and establish pathways that promote optimal health and well-being.

The current EPLAN identified three health priorities. They are:

- Advancing Health and Racial Equity
- Improving Mental and Emotional Well-being
- Strengthening Climate Resilience

Each priority is accompanied by already established City initiatives or a proposal of plans to make a positive impact toward desirable health goals.

Advancing Health/ Racial Equity

The goal of health and racial equity is working towards providing fair opportunities to community members to be as healthy as possible by removing barriers to health, such as

poverty, unemployment, discrimination, and lack of access to housing, safe environments, and healthcare.

Staff believes that the proposed intervention strategies below are achievable by the expiration of this current EPLAN in 2026.

- Guaranteed Income: Implement a second cycle of Guaranteed Income with a focus on families with children five and under living in census tract 8092. This demographic focus is driven by findings in the EPLAN that this group is among the most financially insecure and most vulnerable to displacement due to increasing housing costs.
- Reduce City-Wide Smoking: Pass a comprehensive ban on the sale of all flavored tobacco products throughout the City of Evanston.
- Workforce Development: Support workforce development through continued investment in ASPIRE, EMERGE, and GROWW programs and the development of additional public-private partnerships to create career pipelines for residents.
- Assistance Programs for Vulnerable Populations: Enhance and modify assistance programs to support the growing need for assistance for vulnerable Evanston community members, including the unhoused, refugee, and migrant populations.
- Health Hub: Invest in the development of a 5th Ward health hub that can serve as a safe, trustworthy community space that increases hyperlocal access to health resources. The health hub would house a community health nurse to provide health education and referrals and support coordination of additional events to support health, including vision and dental screenings, mental health first aid, vaccinations, parenting groups, and community-building activities.

Improving Mental and Emotional Well-being

Mental health has been a long-standing need both nationally and locally and one of the most urgent health inequities we need to address as a community. The Department is aligning its goals to a number of the strategies provided below.

- The Living Room: This program provides a safe, trauma-informed, expertly staffed alternative to hospital emergency rooms for adults in psychiatric crisis. The Living Room will be a calm environment where guests can receive skilled support from therapists and social workers to resolve a crisis. In partnership with the Evanston Police and Fire Departments, the drive would be to continue building systems to support the diversion of individuals experiencing mental health crises away from jail and the emergency department through facilitating connection to safe de-escalation opportunities and connection to longer-term care and medication management.
- Evanston Wraparound Program: Support the development of a community wraparound program to facilitate interagency communication and cooperation among public and nonprofit

partners across Evanston by creating a coordinated system of collaboration to provide services and meet the needs of individuals with social service and mental health challenges

- Mental Health First Aid: Mental health first aid is one of the strategies selected during the participatory budget process and which had the most votes. Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance abuse. The training also teaches participants how to assist and support others who are experiencing mental health challenges. The proposal is contracting with a vendor to provide City-wide training in settings such as schools, churches, and with frontline City staff and community members.

Strengthening Climate Resilience

Note: This subsection of EPLAN goals aligns very closely with those outlined in the CARP and the City Council Sustainability priority. Priorities such as the ban on gasoline/propane-powered leaf blowers and the plastic bag ban have been implemented.

CARP provides a roadmap to making Evanston climate-ready and resilient by 2050, centering and prioritizing the health, safety, and well-being of our most vulnerable communities.

- CARP goals: Carry out the goals outlined in the 2023 and 2024 Climate Action Agendas.
- Beach Water Testing: Enhance Evanston's beach water quality testing capacity by investing in a more accurate and timely testing system.
- Bikeability: Increase bikeability by investing in cycling infrastructure, including building new dedicated bike lanes and increasing bike lane connectivity.
- Green Homes Pilot Program: Further invest in the Green Homes pilot program, which seeks to preserve affordability, improve quality, and increase resilience to climate change for existing affordable housing in Evanston by offering Evanston homeowners and landlords no- or low-cost home repairs and upgrades - paid for by the City - to help residents feel healthier in their homes and lower utility bills.



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From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
CC: Sarah Flax, Community Development Director
Subject: Approval of \$883,700 to establish a 2-year health initiative (Evanston Pathway to Wellness) that will help support and improve the health outcomes of Evanston's most vulnerable residents.

Date: November 28, 2023

Recommended Action:

Councilmember Burns recommends the Human Services Committee review and discuss the allocation of \$883,700 in ARPA funds to develop a two-year pilot program to help improve the health outcomes of residents in lower-income neighborhoods. The recommendation is based on a mission to reduce the poor health outcomes that exist largely in lower-income neighborhoods.

Funding Source:

American Rescue Plan Act, 170.99.1700.55251

CARP:

Vulnerable Populations

Committee Action:

For Discussion

Summary:

Addressing the poor health outcomes in lower-income neighborhoods through the Evanston Pathways to Wellness (EPW) is a program designed and slated to be implemented as a two-year pilot program focusing on public health and community wellness. The objective of the program is to prioritize top health needs and direct resources toward health improvement and better outcomes for our most impacted residents.

The impetus of EPW is derived from a number of factors in the City's EPLAN report that illustrate a clear and consistent pattern of poor health outcomes at neighborhood levels.

Notably, the concerning trends are chronic diseases and economic distress in specified census tracts. These specified census tracts have the lowest rates of access to health care, healthy foods, and neighborhood walkability. According to data, a majority of the poor health outcomes are the most common in census tract 8092 when compared to other Evanston census tracts.

Provided below are a number of data points that show elements of poor health outcomes in census tract 8092.

- Residents of census tract 8092 report substantially greater prevalence of chronic diseases such as obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, and asthma, which are higher than the Evanston average.
- Over 1 in 3 residents of census tract 8092 reported having been diagnosed with high blood pressure.
- Obesity is the highest in census tract 8092, an area with limited access to healthy foods.
- Nearly 1 in 6 adults in census tract 8092 report frequent physical distress.
- Residents of 8092, 8096, and 8103.01 report higher diabetes rates than the US average.
- Apart from the census tract encompassing NU, residents of census tract 8092 reported the highest percentage of people in mental distress.
- Evanston has an overall poverty rate of 11%, but poverty disproportionately falls on Black and Hispanic/Latino individuals (18% and 19%, respectively), particularly among residents in census tract 8092.

Purpose, Partnerships, and Features of the EPW Program :

EPW's purpose is to help address specific chronic diseases. The health conditions identified to be addressed through this program are:

- Diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, asthma, mental health and well-being.

The recommendation is for the City to partner with Whole Women Fitness, WWF, an Evanston organization with a team of healthcare and fitness professionals. WWF instructors and clinicians have over a combined 60 years of healthcare and wellness experience. WWF's specialty focus is on the management and improvement of chronic illness by re-educating and overcoming cultural norms and habits that lead to poor health outcomes. As proposed, the City and WWF will work in conjunction with selected Evanston-based food establishments by providing participants with an offering of a variety of healthy food choices. The integration of health and access to nutritious food will result in a holistic approach to mental health, physical health, and nutrition to improve the health of our impacted community members. The City, in partnership with WWF, will work with local restaurants to provide prepared meals that meet the dietary needs of the participants with chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity.

The program is designed as a comprehensive approach to closing the health divide with a combination of fitness, wellness, medicine, and technology that re-educates and treats members of the community who suffer from chronic illnesses. The innovative program will utilize Remote/Hybrid Patient Monitor (HPM) — a downloadable HIPAA-compliant platform

that promotes wellness programs such as physical exercises, medically-specific tutorials, health screenings, regular medicine checks, education, healthy meal selections, and wellness activity reminders. EPW will also offer its members:

- Deepening or Developing Patient/ Primary Care Doctor Relationship
- Addressing medication negligence and reduction in ER visits
- Offering appointment reminders/assistance for preventative care
- Providing low to no-cost remote and in-person fitness classes
- Providing courses for meal prep, disease management, mental health, wellness, and financial literacy.
- Providing free equipment for chronic illness management.
- Collecting and tracking several clinical data points of progression or regression.
- Utilizing local businesses and community partnerships.
- Improving the overall health of compliant participants.
- Working to close the gap in life expectancy.
- Providing accountability and small group support

The electronic platform uses its features to connect healthcare and fitness teams directly to the participants in the comfort of their homes. Selected participants will be provided with a free device designed to monitor and track data in an app. Participants can share program results with their Primary Care Physician through the device for further care planning and overall health management. The data in this platform can be recorded over time into charts that observe trends and track improvements or declines in participants' health. The intuitive telehealth technology APP is a customized platform that is encrypted for HIPAA-embedded functionality.

This wellness approach is what a number of insurance companies are undertaking to address the disparate health and well-being of our underserved community constituents. This pilot will provide data with which to seek external funding from a wide range of sources, including hospitals, insurance providers, and private foundations such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Selection of Participants:

The focus is to provide the aforementioned health programs and services to address nutrition, mental health, and physical health in the most impacted residents of Evanston, specifically in census tract 8092. Residents from other census tracts are welcome to participate, but priority will be established based on residents who live in the most health-impacted census tracts of the City.

To ensure the efficiency of the program, 75 eligible residents each year will participate in the two-year program, totaling 150 participants. Residents who are no longer able to participate due to relocating outside Evanston or for other reasons will be replaced by other eligible residents on a waiting list. Although the criteria for participant selection continue to be evaluated, so far, staff recommends the following criteria:

- Evanston resident
- Reside in census tract 8092 or other health-impacted areas of Evanston
- Have a household income at or below 250% of the Federal poverty line (Considerations may be made for moderate-income residents)
- Have one or all of the chronic diseases diagnosed by a licensed physician with the main focus on diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, asthma, and/or mental health distress
- Completion of the health survey (HIPAA compliant)

Participants will be selected based on a structured point system. Residents with the most points will be selected by a system for this purpose. Residents will be selected based on tract location, income levels, uninsured/underinsured, chronic conditions, physical activity, and age.

Measuring Impact of EPW.

All program participants will be required to engage in all measurable activities of the program for the duration of the program. All activities will be logged into the platform and monitored. The measurable activities will include physical activity and exercise, nutrition, and mental health. Mental health services will be provided by integrating a mental health behavioral tract to support program participants. The combination of physical health, demographic support groups, nutritional assessment, and behavioral modification programming will help improve overall feelings of mental health in many participants.

A progress report will be provided to the Human Service Committee on a quarterly basis. The progress report will include how funds were spent, goals completed, challenges, and outcomes.

Cost Breakdown of EPW:

The cost breakdown with explanations of the items for implementing the two-year EPW program is provided below.

| Positions, Implementation, and Devices | Cost | Activity |
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| Public Health Nurse | \$82,000yr / year 1. There might be grant opportunities to support this position in year 2 | 1 FTE clinical oversight/monthly member intake and health risk assessment, baseline members, 1:1 Consult inclusive of home visits/Medical Alert Monitoring including examinations, health screenings, education, case follow-ups, and referrals to PCP |
| Food Vouchers for Year 1 only | \$200 x 75x 12 months = \$180K | Providing a \$200 visa monthly stipend to supplement healthy food needs for Year 1. |
| Misc. items not covered in memo/marketing \$4,000 | \$ 4,000 | Food activation fees and other contingencies, emergency member support, device replacement, and multi-device distribution for members with multiple conditions |
| WWF Devices | \$200x75= \$15k x2 year \$30K | The cost of devices provided to 150 members to monitor and manage chronic disease. Blood pressure cuff, Glucometer, |

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| WWF Program Manager Position/ 1 FTE or 2 PT | \$63K/year X 2 \$126K | Weight Scale & Peak Flow Meter This is a salaried position for program oversight and management of daily operations, member outreach and enrollment, technical issues, report distribution (Quarterly & MD), regulatory services, and other concerns. |
| RPM Platform Access Fees | \$60X75X12= \$54k x2yr \$108K | Unlimited technology access for 12 months for 150 members. Covers the cost of alerts and notifications, data transmission, member outreach, and oversight of small group platforms |
| Program Design Fees | \$60/hour 40 hours = \$2400 | Time spent with a consultant for HIPAA strategies |
| Class Design and Instruction Manuals Hours | 10 months x 4 weeks 2 hours/ week 80 = \$4800 | Time used to create the design of demographic-specific courses, food prep, and nutritional programming with WWF staff |
| Vetting for App | 20hrs= \$1200 | The time spent meeting to view platform demonstration for application and software used in the program. |
| Community Meetings | 10 hours= \$600 | Time spent sharing the programs potential with Community organizations |
| Development of proposals/memos/course design | \$60 X 80= \$4800 10 months x 4 weeks 2 hours/ week 80 = \$4800 | Meeting with DHS, Alderman, and Preparing certified trainers for program instruction |
| Drafting of Day-to-day Operations and processes | 100 hours= \$6000 = | Class Design Hours- 10 months x 4 weeks 2 hours/ week 80 = \$4800 Vetting for App 20hrs= \$1200 Community Meetings 10hrs = \$600 Development of proposals/memos 80= \$4800 Drafting of Operations 100 hrs= \$6000 = \$19,800 |
| EdD consultant Fees | \$50,000 | MD 1 year prep and one-year program oversight consultant for Program design, consultations, and implementation |
| Fitness Onboarding and platform training/ Support Group oversight | \$298/75 \$22,350/year & 2= \$44,700 8-10 team members for small group training | Onboarding and training for app usage and device usage, baselining for fitness and personalized meal plan and biometric goals, and 24-hour group support |
| Fitness and Cooking courses 2 Certified Instructor Group Fees | \$200/hour (4 classes /Week) \$41,600/yr. X 2 \$83,200 | Four classes/Week inclusive of fitness, nutrition, and food prep courses. Other behavioral modification education courses, design of members' customized meal plans |
| Exercise Equipment | \$75K | Dumbbells, Yoga mats, cardio boots, Step aerobics boards, bands & benches and chairs |
| WWF Membership Fees | \$25/mon x 75x 24 months = \$45K | Unlimited and continued access for two years post-program. The members will be able to maintain group support and access after the successful completion of EPW |
| Facility Usage \$1500/MON | \$14,400 X 2yr \$36K | Rental & storage fees for facilities and equipment |
| Total : | \$883,700 | |

Other features of EPW

- Nutrition: An incentive for motivating participants will be providing 75 eligible residents with a food voucher or debit card. One of the features of the program will be to work with selected local food vendors and food establishments to create a variety of healthy food choices that meet the dietary needs of the impacted community members. This feature will provide a \$200 visa monthly stipend to supplement healthy food needs. This feature is achievable through a voucher system or through debit cards with restrictions to selected food vendors and approved food items.
- Platform Management, Classes, and Staff: WWF will manage the implementation of the platforms/devices, plus the education of the participants on how to use the devices, including any associated fitness classes organized by WWF. WWF will implement the platform to provide the devices and equipment for the program. WWF will designate one full-time or two part-time employees to manage the platform.
- Public Health Nurse: The Nurse will offer in-person health monitoring programs by providing education, basic medical checks, health monitoring, screening, and making necessary referrals for those with chronic illnesses.
- Management of the entire EPW program: A part-time public health staff/intern (grant-covered) will manage the program by sending reminders, maintaining the website, fielding questions, and making sure that the operations are running efficiently minus the health monitoring and the platform/device segments of the program. The health monitoring and the platform/device will be managed by WWF.

Comparable Programs to EPW:

The popularity of telehealth programs nationwide grew with exposure forced by the COVID-19 pandemic and with favorable experiences in the delivery of health care. Comparable programs such as Kangaroo Health Cook County Health apply similar methodologies as EPW but do not offer a combination of fitness and nutrition. Cost is typically very similar to EPW, with the exception of instructor and nutritionist fees. The EPW program is unique in this aspect as it covers the cost of some food supplements, fitness courses, and re-education.

The uniqueness of the Evanston proposed program is that it integrates a healthy food component, which has not been replicated elsewhere, as our research indicates. EPW will be tailored similarly to other telehealth programs that equip residents with devices, allowing them access to an array of health services and activities.

Community Partners:

Community partners such as Evanston Cradle to Career and Evanston Own It are in support of the program.

Dissemination of EPW information.

There will be a number of info sessions at various public locations to provide an overview of the program for all community members before applications are made public. The information will be broadcast via various communication outlets.

The intent is to attract as many to the program as possible. Although the program can only manage 75 Evanston residents in the first cycle, the plan is to ensure its sustainability in subsequent years and to increase the number of participants through grants, donations, and other funding sources. At this point, there are no grants in sight or donors to support the program in its entirety after the 2-year pilot.



Memorandum

To: Members of the Human Services Committee
From: Ike Ogbo, Health & Human Services Director
Subject: Evanston Environment Board Update
Date: November 28, 2023

Recommended Action:

The Evanston Environment Board is recommending the Human Services Committee accept and place on file the Environment Board's report.

CARP:

N/A

Committee Action:

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Summary:

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Attachments:

[Human Services Committee Update October 2023 \(1\)](#)

October 12, 2023

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Councilmembers E. Revelle (Chair), B. Burns, J. Geracaris, K. Harris, D. Reid
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