

ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

January 28, 2019 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Rob Edwardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

HRC Members Present: Rob Edwardson, Carole Triem, Wade Bryson and Alicia Hughes-Skandijs.

HRC Members Absent: None

Other's Present: Diane Cathcart, Deputy Clerk, Beth McEwen, Municipal Clerk, Rorie Watt, City Manager, Loren Jones, Assemblymember, Beth Weldon, Mayor, Teri Camery, CDD Senior Planner, Scott Ciambor, Chief Housing Officer, Dave Hanna, Affordable Housing Commission Chair, Merrill Jensen, Arboretum Manager, and Ed Buyarski, Jensen Olson Arboretum Advisory Board Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 17, 2018 Human Resources Committee Minutes - DRAFT

The December 17, 2018 Human Resources Committee Minutes were approved as presented.

B. January 7, 2019 Assembly Human Resources Committee Minutes - DRAFT

The January 7, 2019 Human Resources Committee Minutes were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Not to exceed a total of 10 minutes nor more than 2 minutes for any individual).

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Board Matters

A. Douglas Advisory Board Appointment

MOTION: by Ms. Triem to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to appoint Charles Ward to the Douglas Advisory Board for a term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021. ***Hearing no objection,***

motion passed.

B. Jensen Olson Arboretum Advisory Board - Appointments & Annual Report

MOTION: by Mr. Bryson to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to reappoint Peter Froehlich and Deborah Rudis to the Jensen Olson Arboretum Advisory Board to terms beginning February 1, 2019 and ending January 31, 2022. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

Merrill Jensen, Jensen Olson Arboretum Manager, and Ed Buyarski, JOAAB Chair, were on hand to answer any questions the HRC may have regarding the Jensen Olson Arboretum Advisory Board Annual Report. The committee had no questions.

C. Juneau Commission on Aging - Appointments & Annual Report

MOTION: by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to forward to the full Assembly for approval the recommendation to reappoint Katrina Lee to the Juneau Commission on Aging to a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2020. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

D. Juneau Public Library Endowment Board - Appointment

MOTION: by Mr. Bryson to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to reappoint Donna Pierce to the Juneau Public Library Endowment Board for a term beginning February 1, 2019 and ending January 31, 2022. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

E. Wetlands Review Board Appointments & Annual Report

MOTION: by Ms. Triem to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to appoint Lucas Chambers and Percy Frisby to the Wetlands Review Board to terms beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2021. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

Teri Camery, CDD Senior Planner and Staff Liaison to the Wetlands Review Board, was on hand to answer any questions the HRC may have regarding the Wetlands Review Board's annual report. The committee had no questions.

F. Other Business

A. Affordable Housing Committee Discussion

City Manager Rorie Watt outlined the decisions before the Assembly Human Resources Committee (HRC) with regards to the Affordable Housing Commission (AHC).

Chair Edwardson invited Dave Hanna, AHC Chair, to speak before the HRC and reminded the HRC now is the time to ask questions as the HRC has been tasked, by the Assembly, to come back to the full Assembly with a recommendation regarding the AHC.

Dave Hanna, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee. Handed out a memo to committee members, speaking on behalf of himself and not the AHC as they have not taken action as the whole commission as to what the future of the commission should be. The AHC is waiting on information from staff on whether the City and private industry have been meeting the goals of the Housing Action Plan. What is the current housing need in Juneau?

Chair Edwardson requested the HRC decide the following: recommendation to discontinue, a recommendation to keep as is or a recommendation to change the mission of the AHC or if the HRC feels they don't have enough information we could table, until date certain after its next meeting, to give the AHC time to meet and bring back its recommendation to the HRC.

Ms. Triem asked Mr. Hanna if the AHC has a recommendation. Mr. Hanna said that, yes the commission does but until they have a better sense of what the housing situation in Juneau currently is it would be difficult to reach a consensus among the commission.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said she looked forward to meeting the commission members now that she is the new Assembly Liaison to the AHC and asked Mr. Hanna if the AHC hoped to have some sort of data collection to review.

Mr. Hanna stated that yes, Scott Ciambor, Chief Housing Officer is working on that and the commission hopes to review it at its next meeting in March,

Mr. Bryson: what is the sense of the committee and what direction do they wish to go and what goals are still out there that the committee could achieve on behalf of the City?

Mr. Hanna, it will be interesting because the committee isn't currently in consensus. We seemed to have reached all the goals, the main concern is whoever is doing the job as the Chief Housing Officer is staying on-task, and make sure the housing fund is being allocated to successful projects. It would be invaluable to the Assembly if part of the review process for projects had people that had financial experience, development experience and the private sector as part of that review.

Chair Edwardson: would be fair to meet on this subject and come back to the HRC.

MOTION: by Ms. Triem moved to table this discussion and decision until the February 11, 2019 Human Resources Committee to allow the Affordable Housing Commission to discuss this further and vote on it. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

VI. STAFF REPORTS

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.