

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, in Council Chambers,  
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

**Call Meeting to Order at 3:01 pm.**

Committee Members Present:

1. Council Member Mike Martinez
2. Council Member Chris Riley
3. Council Member Laura Morrison

*Council Member Kathie Tovo also in attendance*

- 1. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Wednesday, October 30, 2013, and Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

*Motion by Council Member Riley to approve the Minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion carries, 3-0.*

- 2. Citizen Communications.**

None.

- 3. Discussion and possible re-appointment of City of Austin appointee Lynne Hudson, R.N.-C, M.P.H., to the Central Health Board of Managers.**

Lynne Hudson made a few comments and the Committee expressed their support for her re-appointment

*Motion by Council Member Morrison, seconded by Council Member Riley., motion passes, 3-0.*

- 4. Briefing regarding the FRESH Festival and community wellness initiative (Laura Cisneros, CEO of FRESH).**

Laura Cisneros presented on her community wellness initiative. Freshfestival.com will be a live website in a couple of weeks. The program includes classes. Council Member Martinez requested that Committee Members receive the index rating referenced during the presentation.

- 5. Staff briefing on process to ensure administration and enforcement of existing water quality protections in City Code Chapter 6-5, which concern marine toilets, holding tanks and marinas. (Antonio Canales, Division Manager, Austin Water Utility).**

Daryl Slusher and Antonio Canales from Austin Water Utility presented on water quality protection issues in local recreational settings. Staff indicated it is difficult to determine the entire scope of enforcement activity this early in their process. Staff is working with Travis County and Legal.

- 6. Briefing and possible action regarding nuisance abatement strategies for addressing high crime rental properties including potential development of an interdepartmental team. (Heather Way, University of Texas Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic).**

Heather Way and Stephanie Trinh, from the UT School of Law, presented on “problem properties.” The study concluded the City’s system to remediate Code violations is reactive and weak and is in need of a mandatory rental registration system.

Code Director Carl Smart has already formed a team of City Departments to respond to the growing problem and spoke of its progress and work yet to be done.

Council Member Morrison suggested Director Smart come back in a couple of months, maybe February, to update the PHHS Committee.

- 7. Staff briefing on 2013 Halloween Flood Response (Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager, Betsy Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, HHSD).**

Multiple city departments presented on the City flood response efforts. Council Member Morrison noted we did not have enough case management assistance.

Council Member Martinez mentioned Austin Relief Alliance has spearheaded several fundraising efforts on behalf those affected by the Halloween Day floods.

- 8. Staff briefing on recommendations for the Social Services Contracts Request for Applications (RFA) process and related procurement matters. (Carlos Rivera, Director, HHSD, Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, HHSD).**

Citizen speaker Angela Atwood representing One Voice.

Assistant Director Stephanie Hayden presented on the Social Services RFA. Council Member Riley expressed appreciation on the community engagement process and requested we continue to work with Travis County to align social service investments.

- 9. Consider agenda items for next regular meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, or at the call of the committee chair.**

**Adjourned at 2:41pm**