

MINUTES
Human Services Advisory Council
City of Falls Church

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To advise the City Council on human services delivery to Falls Church citizens.

DATE OF MEETING: **June 15, 2023**

PLACE OF MEETING: In Person (Laurel Room) w/ Virtual Option

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Debra Z. Roth at 6:30 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT:

<p><i>HSAC Members:</i> Debra Z. Roth Brian Bowden-virtual Jeff Person Nicole Newman</p> <p><i>Staff:</i> Dana Jones Ripal Patel (virtual)</p>	<p><i>City Council Representative:</i> Marybeth Connelly</p> <p><i>Student Representatives:</i> Liz Rotherham Carter Williams</p> <p><i>CSB Representative:</i> Claudia Volk</p> <p><i>Commission on Aging Representatives:</i> Martha Cooper (Virtual)</p> <p><i>Guests:</i></p>
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APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE AGENDA: The agenda for this meeting were adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the May 18, 2023 meeting were approved with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Energy Action Plan – Andy Young, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, presented on the Community Energy Action Plan for the City of Falls Church.

Unity Club (Opioid Abatement Funds) Meeting Debrief – Dana Jones & Jeff Person, spoke about their visit to the Unity Club. Dana Jones mentioned about the City receiving Opioid funds and doing research on how and where we can spend these funds. She also discussed the possibility of spending these funds to improve accessibility at the Unity Club.

FY2024 Rent-Relief recommendation – Ripal Patel requested HSAC members provide their recommendations for rent relief applicants for FY24. HSAC members provided their recommendations for the relief amount for FY24. He also provided an update on the rent-relief code change.

Outreach to the City Residents – Debra Z Roth asked if HHS staff members can provide an update on how they do their outreach for the different services available through the department. Dana Jones suggested that Leslyn Barrow comes to the next meeting to provide an update on this since she works with the City residents.

CSF – Debra Z Roth requested that HSAC members receive the CSF application packet via email rather than hard copies delivered to their places. All members agree to receive digital copies of the CSF application packet.

Accessibility Audit – Marybeth Connelly talked about accessibility audit.

Other

CSB – Claudia Volk provided a service utilization report from the Community Services Board for the citizens of the City of Falls Church. She also provided information and an update on Medicaid waiver slots.

HSAC Annual Report to City Council – Debra Z Roth discussed options for Commissioners to join her for the annual report.

AARP meeting on the livable city – Jeff Person discussed he is working on meeting people from AARP in a week or so to gather some information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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