

**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:** Oct 20, 2022

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Debra Z. Roth at **6:38 p.m.**

**THOSE PRESENT:**

<p><b><i>HSAC Members:</i></b> Alisa Macht Brian Bowden Debra Z. Roth</p> <p><b><i>Staff:</i></b> Brenden Woodley Leslyn Barrow Dana Jones</p>	<p><b><i>Student Representatives:</i></b> Carter Williams Jack Ackerman</p> <p><b><i>Community Services Board:</i></b> Claudia Volk</p> <p><b><i>Guests:</i></b> Jeff Pearson Margaret Cooper – Commission on Aging Mary-Beth Connelly - City Council Liaison Grace Starboard Allie Macdonald</p>
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**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** The minutes from the Sept 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

**APPROVAL of Agenda:** Debra added items to agenda and changed the order:

- Added Grace Starbird to second on agenda for presentation on aging
- Claudia Volk third
- Leslyn Barrow fourth
- There was a motion to adopt agenda by Brian Bowden, and it was seconded and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Debra read note sent by previous chair of commission announcing her resignation as a chair**

- Debra requested to be chair with Alisa Macht as vice chair
- Debra said they may engage in additional projects like equity and diversity in March
- A motion was made for Debra to be Chair and a second was made and passed.
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**Grace Starboard – Fairfax County Consultant - Report ‘Shape - the future of aging’**

- Lived in FC, works with the consulting firm, Health Management Associates
- She shared the purpose of the report is to gather information on resources and needs for

older adults in Fairfax County and Falls Church.

- *There are minutes from the discussion provided by Starbird.*

**Community Service Board Report - Claudia Volk, CSB Falls Church representative**

- Volk shared information about the shortage of mental health workers across the region.

**Human Services Update – Leslyn Barrow, Senior Human Services Worker**

- Barrow gave an overview of services provided by Housing and Human Services in the City of Falls Church.

**Welcoming Falls Church – Paul Bosen, Director**

- They are looking to serve five families
- The first family may be welcomed from Afghanistan, they are in process
- \$35k in the fund, hoping to get to the goal of \$50k
- Claudia Volk offered to provide resume and interview assistance
- Five Ukrainian families would benefit from this assistance and language services

**Other Items**

- There will be a community public listening session on T-zones
- Roth asked Council Liaison Connelly that of the \$4M surplus in the budget, could some be allocated to Human Services. She shared that there is only \$2M up for council discretionary spending.
- Debra recommended to cancel the December meeting. There was a motion and a second to do this. This had been discussed in previous meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:25 p.m.**

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