

MINUTES
COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY HALL LUNCH ROOM
FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Answering roll call members were Kumar Belani, Melinda Bothun-Hurley, Kristen Conner, Tone Deinema, Matt Doscotch, Aditya Mittal, Nadia Martyn, Alison Pence, Joel Stegner and Staff Liaison Jeff Brown.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Member Stegner approved the motion. The motion was seconded by Member Belani. All voted aye. Motion carried

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of January minutes.

The motion to approve the January minutes was made by Member Stegner. The motion was seconded by Member Bothun-Hurley. All voted aye. Motion carried.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None.

VI. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Electronic Cigarettes/Vapor Lounges (Member Conner)

Proposed State of Minnesota legislation may accomplish two possible regulatory paths the CHC has discussed: characterizing ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) in the same category as tobacco (which allows the City to regulate them in the same way) and regulating ENDSs in the same way as tobacco under the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act. The proposed legislation is being considered during the upcoming session (expires in May) and are available for review on the Minnesota State Legislature website. Commission discussed that Edina City Council may want to act if the State legislature does not take action during current session.

Member Belani submitted a pharmacology report on e-cigarettes for review.

The CHC currently plans to wait to see the results of the MN legislative session and then provide a recommendation to the City Council. In the future, the CHC will also provide

an update to the City Council on the legislative progress as well as make recommendations on Vapor Lounges. There is a moratorium in place until December.

B. 2013 Minnesota Student Survey (Member Martyn, Student Members)

There are 2 survey documents -- State and Edina. Survey results regarding alcohol and tobacco usage was discussed. The percent usage increases with each grade. The CHC had some concern about a permissive community attitude among parents. Both student members agreed that education including how it affects you and your body would be influential. Both students observed that current level of discussion about drugs and alcohol in school appears ineffective..

The Commission's Youth Subgroup will meet to determine what is and is not being done in the high school setting. They will evaluate potential action plans to increase awareness and provide recommendations.

The Student Members distributed a demographic analysis comparing neighboring cities. The comparison was based on income, age, education and race. Minnetonka was chosen as the city that matches closely to Edina. The CHC will seek to obtain comparative data from Minnetonka school districts to enhance the analysis.

C. Survey Evaluation (Member Stegner)

This survey was sent to public agencies for distribution by Bloomington Public Health (BPH). There were 600 responses received. The area services 160,000 people. It is not known if Edina information can be looked at separately. There is another survey planned for 2016. Member Stegner is pushing to have the survey done in 2015. Changes could include maintaining the current questions (perhaps slightly modified) but shorten the survey and make the questions more pertinent. It would be beneficial to collaborate with BPH regarding the survey when the new Director is in place. The 2014 SHAPE survey can be used until the 2016 survey is available.

D. 2014 Health Policy and Focus Initiatives

1. Discuss possible website modifications

In March more specific points will be discussed with Edina Communications Director Jennifer Bennerotte Links to resources and raising public awareness about resources are priorities.. The CHC recommends that there be a "health" tab focusing on community health with a sub-tab to the Commission information (i.e. minutes, schedule, etc.) on the city landing page. Further modifications and additions will be discussed the Communications Director.

E. Safe Routes to School Report

Member Stegner provided the CHC an assessment of the report. No additional comments.

F. Community Food Assessment

Chair Doscotch encouraged members to take a closer look at the Community Food Assessment, as it relates to each member's assigned subgroup.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Doscotch received an inquiry asking if the City has considered a community fitness center for the land at the Grandview Project. Although the Council is already talking with developers, Chair Doscotch will contact City Leadership for consideration of this option.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Martyn discussed the Wilder Research Life Expectancy Study that came out today. The data used was from death records and zip codes. For most of Edina, the life expectancy is 83 years or more.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Revision of Community Health Commission Bylaws

Liaison Brown said the bylaws need to be updated because of the name change and meeting schedule change. There is a new project coordinator taking care of this. Commission will review and Council will approve them.

Food truck comment period is over. 60/40 rule on liquor licensing is February topic. Organized garbage collection is the March topic.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Member Martyn moved to adjourn. Member Bothun-Hurley seconded the motion. All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.