

**Subcommittee of the City Council
and
Alameda Health Care District Board
Meeting Notes**

Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:00pm via Zoom

Attendees: Interim City Manager Nancy Bronstein, Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Fire Chief Luby, Executive Director Deborah E. Stebbins, President of Alameda Health Care District/Division Chief Michael Williams, Dr. Robert Deutsch

1 Call to Order/General Introduction

-Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft convened the meeting at 4:05

2 Oral Communication Non-Agenda (Public Comment)

Speakers may address the Subcommittee in regard to any matter over which the Subcommittee has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda

-There were no public comments

3 City/District Issues

3-A Minutes of the Subcommittee of the City Council and Alameda Health Care District Board held on July 20, 2022.

The minutes of July 20th were accepted Debbie Stebbins motioned to approve and seconded by Chief Luby roll call vote was taken and they were unanimously approved.

3-B Hospital Seismic Upgrade (Director Stebbins)

Governor Vetoed AB 2904 Bill

1-Working with AHA with new options regarding upgrades which are less expensive

2- Planning Committee has resurrected for the Plan of 2030

3- We are also in communications with Association of Californian Health Care District to

get Funding from the State for all district hospitals which could be a \$3 billion problem located in critical access areas. We have lead on a legislator willing to tap into State money. Funding is a biggest challenge.

3-C White Bird Clinic Brief Report (Chief Luby)

Chief Luby- The general concept looking we are looking into the opportunity to open a Clinic to serve underserved community.

Sept 29th field trip with Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, Katheryn Swartz, Mario Harding & Veronica Shelton gave us the opportunity to observe facility.

Hayward – Clinic next to the Fire Station – Visit rescheduled

Discussion to visit Eugene's White Bird Clinic in the future.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft: There appeared to be lots of storage for boxes. Alameda's property owners are not paying parcel tax of \$298 yearly for storage.

I reached out and we are awaiting call back from White Bird Clinic Brief for call back.

Nancy Bronstein– New cafeteria impressive

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft- Should this meeting be rescheduled as an "At Need Basis" instead of quarterly?

Dr. Robert Deutsch- Future in the hospital is uncertain after 2030

Chief Luby- Should we have Purpose Statement for this meeting?

What is the future makeup of Alameda Hospital- AHS may have different objectives.

Dr. Robert Deutsch- Can we have a meeting in 3 months as this is so we can get updated on landscape- COVID/ Flu

Director Stebbins- AHA should be involved because they develop most programs such as the White Bird Clinic & Geriatrics ED. I am disappointed no one from AHA is not part of this discussion today.

Division Chief Michael Williams- This meeting should be at need basis and not quarterly.

Chief Luby- It was difficult to come up with an Addenda as the history of this meeting was not readily available. The construct of a "Purpose

Statement” – Lines out who should be in attendance

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft- Not sure when these meetings were started.

Division Chief Michael Williams- These meetings started in 2015 when Hospital Board transitioned to be more engaged from the City Community. It appears the goal has changed to focus on Seismic Upgrades to the Hospital.

Director Stebbins- There were times when there was tense relations with AHS and City. AHS may not have stayed open today because of these meetings.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft- Do we need to have another meeting to discuss if need quarterly meeting scheduled?

Dr. Robert Deutsch- We are in the process of talking to AHS for strategic planning & seismic planning for the future. The future of the hospital is uncertain after 2030. AHS is not legally committed to do anything. The City should be interested in that, as the hospital is the largest employer. We should leave these meeting on the calendar but then prior to the meeting send an inquiry to determine if there is any information from the City or the District needed to communicate and if the information is important enough to having a meeting.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft- We may be able to differentiate between information agenda items that can be included and does not need to be a meeting.

Dr. Robert Deutsch- Who would that person be?

Nancy Bronstein- Do you mean in terms in gather agenda items, YES and we can send something out that, with an advance notice. Important item should be added to the calendar

Chief Luby -Jody is very consistent in letting us know we set an agenda in compliance with Sunshine Act. If no one shows up to the agenda setting meeting maybe we do not have a meeting. We need a “Purpose Statement” for the group.

Nancy Bronstein- We can research the minutes to see if a ‘Purpose Statement’ already exist.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft-Great idea Chief Luby. We also need to set a criteria to what constitutes an item that needs to come to a full meeting.

Ex: An update vs. an agenda item which requires a decision.

Director Stebbins- We are entering a phase about the future makeup of Alameda Hospital. I believe AHS will have some different perspectives.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft- This group does not substitute for the community so if any major changes I would like to see some forms of public workshops. We are not even sure what this group is tasked with because we haven't seen our Mission Statement. I support having a hospital in Alameda. We need to make sure it is serving our community.

Dr. Robert Deutsch- Can we have one more meeting in 3 months? We are now in process of meeting AHS administration and talking about very important things. I strongly recommend we have 1 more meeting.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft- We will put it on the agenda for next meeting. We need representation from AHS.

Chief Luby- I will volunteer to help draft a Purpose Statement, with an outline to who is supposed to be in attendance. Nancy will you help by providing a template? Division Chief Michael Williams- will you help?

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft- I agree with Dr. Robert Deutsch that we need a regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm City and District staff will confer to set a date for the next Subcommittee meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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