

Citizens Advisory Committee February 5, 2013

Present: Chris Able, Grace Brandl, Jerry Censky, Roger Drape, Robert Elfner, Linda Hunter, Anthony Mack, Ed Rappe, Charles Stangel, Gloria Wallace

Guests: June Schultz, Valerie Krueger, Justin Nickels, Jean Censky

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Mayor's Update

Justin reported that the 2012 budget was finalized with a surplus this year. The 2013 budget is in place with a slight contingency fund. The city stopped borrowing for routine expenses such as police cars. Performance evaluations have begun. Business process improvement is also taking place (e.g. in the case of building inspectors, they have divided their time between office and field hours. Appointments have to take place in the appropriate set of hours. The Finance Committee also talked about efficiencies of their own.

The Waldo Street project is for 2016 and 2017. Two roundabouts are on the plans: one for Waldo/Maritime/Memorial Drive end of Waldo, the other for the intersection with R. The city will vote on the resolution for construction in two weeks. The city will be responsible for side streets—between 10-15% of the costs. The railroad viaduct will be maintained because they are used quite a bit.

The city engineer's position is not yet filled, but it has been renamed—Director of Public Infrastructure.

Our guest speaker was June Schultz from Painting Pathways Clubhouse. She wrote the grant to get it started. She had worked with those with mental illness through Human Services. She is the mother of two children diagnosed at a young age. She became aware of the stigma. At the Clubhouse, the goal is recovery. Mentally ill people can recover to lead productive lives. Currently

they have 109 members, 41 of whom are participating in work, volunteer positions, and school. The program is certified by International Center for Clubhouse Development, the youngest program to have that distinction. There are 400 Clubhouses around the world, 5 in Wisconsin. It provides a nurturing environment. It strives to have an impact on human productivity, and it has an effect on the economy by their members not needing to be hospitalized. It is voluntary. Members are mostly referred by therapists. There are 3 staff in addition to June.

The work is transitional employment at places such as Holy Family Memorial, Felician Village, Festival Foods, the YMCA, Lakeside Foods. The Clubhouse "owns" a position. A staff member does the job first to see what is required. The staff will cover the position if the member can't be there. The staff acts as a liaison with the employer in training. The positions are part time (15-20 hours).

Valerie Krueger is one of those members who began with a transitional position, but now she has been hired permanently as a fulltime personal assistant on her own. Her illness began after high school while she was studying in Madison. She was diagnosed with Schizophrenia Affective disorder. She is in recovery, thanks to Painting Pathways Clubhouse. She gives tours of the Clubhouse and has put together a cookbook as well as working.

The Clubhouse has no federal funding. It is funded by grants, the Dreambuilder Society, and fund raisers. The next one is a comedy night at the Holiday Inn on March 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50. Our next meeting is **March 5.**

Respectfully,
Linda Hunter, Secretary