

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – APRIL 9, 2014
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES ROOM

ATTENDANCE

Present

Gisselle Brown	J. Glenn Hopkins	Jeffrey Murphy
Rosario Casiano	Stacey Joyner	Timothy Peterson
Councilman John Chapman	Councilman Timothy Lovain	Joyce Rawlings
William Chesley	Sean McEnearney	Margaret Walsh
Rose Dawson	Gwen Mullen	Marc Williams
Kate Garvey		

Excused Absent

Bill Campbell	Mike Mackey	Cynthia Skinner
Hyun Choi	Tammy Mann	Dan Solomon
Andria Cook	Tim Peterson	

Unexcused Absent

Samuel Hanoura	Gerald Mann	Emma West
Nelson Majano	Sonia Price	Eric Williams

Staff

Jacqueline Coachman	Barbara Farrington	Deborah Warren
Carol Farrell	Ron Frazier	

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT MARCH MEETING NOTES

On a motion by Margee Walsh and a second by Glenn Hopkins, the draft meeting notes were approved as submitted.

REPORT ON FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE PROPOSED FY 2014 BUDGET

Mr. Hopkins moved that the Executive Committee and Budget Committee be authorized to submit, on behalf of the full commission, comments on the Proposed Budget based on previous discussions.

REPORT ON THE YOUTH MASTER PLAN

Kate Garvey asked what was learned from the presentation to the School Board. Marc Williams noted the current School Board members were elected after the Children Youth & Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) was established. Hence, a brief history of its formation would be helpful to the School Board. Rose Dawson noted some had advised that the language of action steps referencing the City Council and School Board be softened. It was the advice of Glen Hopkins that CYFCC consider requesting an assessment by the City of the fiscal impact of the Children & Youth Master Plan. According to Councilman John Chapman, City Council will want at least ballpark figures on any savings and new money. The response of Ron Frazier was

that budget impact would be assessed after the implementation plan has been devised. Ms. Garvey recommended that action steps be categorized as no-cost strategies that can be accomplished now, and those that will require more time.

Sean McEneaney moved that staff be charged with assuring the draft plan is free of typos and numbering issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hopkins and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Sean McEneaney, Chair of the Budget Committee, stated a meeting will be held to discuss budget concerns/issues that should be brought to the attention of the City Council and the School Board. He also noted there was concern at a recent meeting of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAC) because the Human Services Fund is not amortized over future years. Mr. McEneaney shared his observations of the tension between the City budget and Schools budget at the meeting. Mr. Williams responded that the framers of the constitution intended there be tension between the City Council and the School Board. Councilman Lovain recommended more meetings between the two entities to enhance communication.

In his report as Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Glenn Hopkins presented “Return on Investment: Alexandria Nonprofit Impact Report”, a new report released by the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO). Among the findings were that Alexandria ranks second in the state with regard to the number of nonprofit entities, and fifth in terms of assets. Alexandria’s nonprofits generate \$3.3 billion in annual revenue.

As reported by Ms. Dawson, co-chair of the Outreach & Membership Committee, several letters have been sent to potential candidates for the volunteer positions on CYFCC committees. Five positive responses have been received. A discussion of the election of the Chair-Elect will be scheduled for the May meeting.

REPORT ON EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY DISCUSSION & STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Deborah Warren reported that the Early Care & Education Workgroup presented the Report on Early Childhood at the School Board meeting of April 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gisselle Brown announced Mr. Hopkins is Zeta Phi Beta Sorority’s Man of the Year. Tammy Mann is the keynote speaker for the event. Councilman Chapman informed commissioners his Easter Egg Hunt will take place from 10 a.m. – Noon on April 19 at Angel Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.