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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

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Wednesday, October 15, 2008

5:35 PM

Goodman Community Center, Evjue Room  
149 Waubesa Street

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 11 -

Brian L. Solomon; Lauren Cnare; Michael F. Ely; Joanne E. Brown; Mary Czyszczak-Lyne; Richard C. Berling; Alan M. Sweet; Celia M. Jackson; David Wandel; Stephen A. Small and Paul J. Van Rooy

**Staff Present:** Bill Clingan, Enis Ragland, Jolene Ibeling, Laura Noel, Lorri Wendorf, Jocelyn, Becky Schesny, and Mary O'Donnell.

Berling called the meeting to order.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Joanne Brown, seconded by Alan Sweet to approve the minutes from the September 10 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Cassandra Garcia- Hawthorne Neighborhood Association and East Isthmus Neighborhood Planning Council-** discussed updates and activities of the East Isthmus Neighborhood Planning Council.

**Casey Behrend- Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin-** thanked OCS staff and the commission for funding, all of their hard work, and the allocation of COLA each year and hopes COLA continues.

**Tarig Pasha – Common Wealth Development-** their business mentoring program was featured on Channel 3. He is concerned about the latest budget news and the impact it will have on the program. He reminded the commission the program is ranked as a high priority.

**Megin McDonell- Tenant Resource Center-** thanked OCS and the commission for funding and consideration. COLA increases are important to all agencies. She is concerned with changing the budget process. The current process works well and the proposed changes could lead to difficulty in planning for agencies. Treating the funds like block grants could make them easier for council or Mayor to cut. She strongly opposes the proposed change in the budget process.

**Jeff Burkhart- Literacy Network-** introduced himself as the new Executive Director. The agency works with adults on family literacy and focus on the English in Schools program. Stressed the importance of helping both children and parents to succeed.

Meg Miller – Respite Center – She thanked the commission and staff for continued support and expressed concerned about the reorganization of OCS within the Planning Department and the implications it could have on future funding and priorities. With such a specific service the agency provides its difficult to get other funding such as grants.

[12454](#)

DAIS Letter

**Attachments:** [DAIS Letter 101408.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, seconded by Joanne Brown to accept the letter from Domestic Abuse Intervention Service.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [11855](#) Update on status of Minority Representative seat on the Commission

Enis Ragland briefly discussed the departure of Lina Trivedi and the open minority representative seat on the commission. Please submit candidate names to Enis Ragland. A candidate could be confirmed as early as the 10/28/08 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Alan Sweet, seconded by Joanne Brown to draft a letter acknowledging Lina Trivedi's hard work on the commission. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. [12244](#) Report from Outreach

Laura Noel discussed the commission's request for Outreach to come and discuss priorities and program goals, but due to a scheduling conflict the agency couldn't attend tonight's meeting. The December 10, 2008 Commission meeting will be held at Outreach and the report will be given at that time.

3. [12242](#) Budget Update  
-Elimination of Community Services Supervisor Position  
-Funding for Community Resources at 2008 Level  
-Discussion and Recommendation as to How to Proceed

**Attachments:** [Memo to Agencies.doc](#)

Bill Clingan discussed the Mayor's original budget instructions and the updated budget information. OCS will be funded at the 2008 spending levels and the OCS supervisor position will be eliminated. The 2009 OCS budget will be submitted as a single line item instead of a detailed list as in past years. The exact amounts that will be applied to the budget are not yet finalized.

Laura Noel explained the options for how the Commission could proceed with funding recommendations based on the updated budget information. The Commission has already placed contingencies in place for most program areas, but still need to make clarifications on two of the areas.

A motion was made by Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, seconded by Joanne Brown to restore program area 4 to COLA level 1st if funds are restored.

**A friendly amendment was accepted by Ms.Czynszak-Lyne and Ms. Brown to add the language “followed by Simpson Street Press”.**

**Motion: Restore program area 4 to COLA level first if funds are restored and then restore funds to Simpson Street Press.**

**Motion passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 -

Brian L. Solomon; Michael F. Ely; Joanne E. Brown; Mary Czynszak-Lyne; Alan M. Sweet; Celia M. Jackson; David Wandel and Stephen A. Small

**Noes:** 1 -

Lauren Cnare

**Non Voting:** 2 -

Paul J. Van Rooy and Richard C. Berling

**A motion was made by Lauren Cnare, seconded by Mary Czynszak-Lyne, to restore funds in program area 7 to agencies proportionately by priority (A1, A2, A3). Motion passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 -

Michael F. Ely; Joanne E. Brown; Mary Czynszak-Lyne; Alan M. Sweet; Celia M. Jackson; David Wandel; Stephen A. Small and Brian L. Solomon

**Noes:** 1 -

Lauren Cnare

**Non Voting:** 2 -

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**A substitute motion was made by Wandel, seconded by Cnare to delay restorations on planning council funding until primary services have been restored. Motion rescinded.**

**A motion was made by Lauren Cnare, seconded by Celia Jackson that in program area 4 first restore all programs to 2009 recommendation levels**

**A friendly amendment was accepted by Ms Cnare and Ms. Jackson to add the following language “second if funds are available restore funds to Simpson Street Press, and third if funds are available restore funds to Common Wealth Development expansion”.**

**Motion: In program area 4 first restore all programs to 2009 recommendation levels second if funds are available restore funds to Simpson Street Press, and third if funds are available restore funds to Common Wealth Development expansion. Motion passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 -

Michael F. Ely; Joanne E. Brown; Alan M. Sweet; Celia M. Jackson; David Wandel; Stephen A. Small; Brian L. Solomon and Lauren Cnare

**Noes:** 1 -

Mary Czynszak-Lyne

**Non Voting:** 2 -

Paul J. Van Rooy and Richard C. Berling

4. [12243](#) Election of Officers for Community Services Commission

**Attachments:** [CSC Election Process.doc](#)

**A motion was made by Celia Jackson, seconded by Brian Solomon to move the balance of the agenda to the next meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. [11743](#) Funding Process review

**Attachments:** [Funding Process Review .doc](#)

6. [11747](#) Scheduling CSC meetings in the community

**Attachments:** [2009 CSC Schedule.doc](#)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, seconded by David Wandel to adjourn the meeting at 8:12. Motion passed by voice vote.**