



CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

ECONOMICS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Date: December 19, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: 320 S. Kansas Ave., TPD LEC, Classroom A

Committee members present: Councilmembers Brendan Jensen and Sandra Clear (serving as Chair); Michelle De La Isla was absent.

City staff present: Director Sasha Haehn, Corrie Wright and Rachelle Vega-Retana from Neighborhood Relations.

1. Councilmember Sandra Clear called the meeting to order.
2. The December 13, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
3. Priority Areas Document Review

The Social Services and Contracted Services Priority Areas 2018 document was reviewed (attached). Sasha Haehn stated that staff took the comments from the last meeting and tightened up the language to be more specific on some of the priority areas in terms of the services that we contract for.

Councilmember Jensen moved to approve the revised priority areas document. Councilmember Clear seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 2-0.

Deputy Mayor De La Isla had previously reviewed the document and expressed her approval.

4. No other items before the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Meeting video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBMqwGhKRto&feature=youtu.be>

Social Services and Contracted Services Priority Areas - 2018

Priority 1: Quality, Cost-Effective Social Services Nonprofits and Network

- *Business, financial and technical management, strategic planning, and 501(c)(3) umbrella for organizations
- *Centralized data system for emergency aid agencies and the Homeless Task Force
- *Management of Avondale East NET Center by providing resources and support for the community
- *Master listing of social services, used by agencies and by the community
- *Usable statistics for grant writers to use for program planning and grant applications
- *Countywide grant match for aging services

Priority 2: Attractive, well-kept City

- * Assist all NIA's with neighborhood specific cleanups by providing volunteers and/or financial assistance.
- * Partner with Department of Neighborhood Relations for annual clean-up activities and efforts citywide.

Priority 3: Handle our vulnerable citizens with care, minimize victimization and crime, minimize turnover in neighborhoods, and optimize success

- *Domestic violence shelter, education, community service referrals and support
 - *Centralized juvenile intake
 - *Tenant-Landlord and Fair Housing Counseling and Education
 - *Neighborhood safety organizing – Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, Safe Streets Coalition
 - *Crime prevention education – as prioritized by the Police Department and Neighborhood Relations
 - Senior citizen neighborhood-based programming to include – meals, activities, transportation
 - Medical assistance for low-income individuals
 - Programs for at-risk youth
 - Emergency housing and utility assistance
 - Neighborhood and independent living based services for persons with severe and persistent mental illness
 - Support services for residents whom are non-English-speaking
- * Contracted Services – Programs that are essential to city operations. Reduction in cost is achieved by contracting for these programs rather than providing a direct service to the community.