

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, January 15, 2010 10:05 AM – 11:00 AM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

Members Present: Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Renee Mitchell, Dick Haines, Ed Childers.

Members Not Present: Lyn Hellegaard

Others Present: Stacy Rye, Debbie Johnston, Amanda Golbeck, Richard Moore, DDS

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve edited minutes from [December 8, 2010](#). The minutes for Dec. 8th were changed as follows: Original wording: "Brandee Tyree with MUSAP provided a handout. She articulated her support for the proposed social host ordinance and highlighted some of the information covered in the handout." Changed to read: "Brandee Tyree with MUSAP provided a handout. She highlighted some of the information covered in this handout with regards to underage drinking." Minutes approved unanimously.
2. Approve Minutes from [December 15, 2010](#). Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Pam Walzer discussed a letter sent by Allied Waste to its customers instructing them to put their trash out the night before scheduled pickup. She noted that customers in the 'bear buffer zone' should wait until the morning of the pickup to put their trash out. She discussed this with Allied Waste.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appoint one member to the City/County Health Board for the terms beginning January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2013. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Kelly Elam) (Referred to Committee: 01/03/11) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

Motion: The committee recommends that the City Council appoint Debbie Johnston to the City/County Health Board for the terms beginning January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2013.

Debbie Johnson introduced herself, and she described her interest in the position. She related her experience of serving on the Water Quality Advisory Board. She feels that the role of the City/County Health Board should include professional and personal interests in order to cover the wide range of topics that the board deals with. She feels that she is familiar with the range of services and function provided by the health department. She cited her familiarity with the wastewater/air functions of the department. She cited her training and background as an engineer. She feels that issues of water quality and monitoring that should be a priority for the department. She discussed the importance of soil remediation issues in the City. She did not feel prepared to suggest any changes to the department until she had fully integrated herself into the operations of the department. She does not feel that she would have any conflicts of interest if appointed to the position. If she did, she would recuse herself. She stated that she would be available to attend required meetings and obligations.

Amanda Golbeck described her interest in serving on the board. On a personal level, she is interested in promoting the health of the community. On a professional level, she stated that she works School of Public and Community Health Sciences at the University of Montana. She cited the relationship between her professional position and the City/County Health Board. She described her experience in biostatistics, explained what it entails, and how it would relate to a position on the City/County Health Board. She feels that the role of the board is to provide oversight, advice, and to identify issues that can be addressed by the

Health Department. Amanda stated that she does have a relationship with the Health Department. She is serving as a member of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board. She has served as a mentor to an internship student. She described the mentoring. She also had an academic relationship with the Health Department. She described her familiarity with the functions of the Health Department. She indicated her interest in the health aspect of the position. She feels that the most crucial issues facing the department are suicide prevention, providing dental health services, obesity, and poverty issues. She would not suggest any changes to be made to the department until she had some experience within the position on the board. She described her position as an outside consultant, and how it would apply if she is appointed to the position. Amanda does not feel that she has any potential conflicts of interest. She would be able to meet the obligations required of the position.

Richard Moore stated that he has been involved in the health care delivery system for 40 years as a health care professional. (He is a dentist). He holds five state licenses. He performs contract dental work. He is involved in prescription drug disposal. He was one of the original founders of the School of Dentistry at the University of Colorado. He described his educational background, and his professional experience. He expressed his desire to serve the Native American population. He does not feel that he has any conflict of interest issues. He helped set up the Montana Oral Health Foundation.

Dave Strohmaier asked Richard what the role of the Health Board should be.

Richard Moore discussed the issues of suicide and prescription drug abuse. Health care delivery is a big issue.

Dave Strohmaier asked if Richard would have the time to commit to the position.

Richard Moore stated that he would be able to commit the required time to the position.

Pam Walzer asked if the appointment is specific to any area of the board.

Renee Mitchell replied that the appointment is relevant to all areas of the board.

Pam asked Renee Mitchell to describe the different strengths of the current board members.

Dave Strohmaier asked Renee Mitchell about the retiring Health Board member's skills.

Renee Mitchell described some of the qualifications and provided some background on current and past board members.

Jon Wilkins feels that Amanda and Richard are highly qualified. He is leaning more towards Amanda.

Pam Walzer believes that position requires a well rounded background and experience. She wants to see a balanced board with a broad range of experience.

Dick Haines expressed his confidence in all of the candidates. He feels that Debbie Johnston has the best depth of experience.

Renee Mitchell expressed her confidence in all of the candidates. She feels that the current board is representing the community well.

Bob Jaffe asked if current board member Teresa Henry is reapplying for the board.

Renee Mitchell responded that she did not believe that Teresa Henry is intending on leaving the board.

Bob Jaffe expressed his confidence in all of the candidates.

Dave Strohmaier expressed his confidence in all of the candidates. He feels that Debbie's resume is stellar.

Ed Childers stated that Pam asked what he thinks is an extremely important question, i.e. what is the makeup of the board. Dick's right as well. And he thinks that the board is good on medical, it's good on University connection and environmental. He feels that it is a good board. He would happily vote for any one of the three. He supports appointing Debbie Johnston.

Pam Walter moved to appoint Debbie Johnston.

Renee Mitchell stated that she is leaning towards the other two candidates. She would like to see board member who is not as connected to government.

The motion to appoint Debbie Johnston passed unanimously.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mark Muir)
2. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter)
3. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
4. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 6.09 entitled "Missoula Cat Ordinance" section 6.09.010 through 6.09.090 to amend definitions, to limit the number of cats over the age of four months that a person, family, or household can harbor, keep, or maintain to five and to enact other general amendments. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
5. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 6 entitled "Animals" generally amending Chapter 6.04 entitled "Animals Running at Large" and Chapter 6.08 entitled "Dogs and Pet Shops," increasing the fee when an animal is impounded and establishing a fee for a boarding kennel license. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
6. Consider an [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 9 entitled "Public Peace, Morals and Welfare" by creating Chapter 58 entitled "Social Host and Rental Space Gatherings involving consumption of Alcohol by Minors" and enacting Sections 9.58.010 through 9.58.030. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 12/06/10)
7. Review implementation of the Missoula Outdoor Lighting Ordinance ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 08/09/10)

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. Submitted by Gregg Schonbachler.