



Cambridge Human Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2019
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Citywide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Commissioners present: Duane Brown, Christine Elow, Christopher Hall, Bran Shim, Nan Stone, Rachel Weinstein

Regrets: Julie Asher, Khari Milner, Rev. Lorraine Thornhill

Guest(s): Denise Brown

Presenter(s): Mike Payack, Ellen Semonoff

Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) staff present: Janice Alger, Mike Payack (recorder), Ellen Semonoff

- I. Welcome, Networking, and Dinner
 - Ellen Semonoff welcomed members of the Commission and briefly reviewed topics covered in previous meetings
- II. Overview of DHSP's Budget Through the Lens of CDBG Priority Areas
 - Mike Payack, Planner/Contracts Manager with DHSP's Planning & Development division, and Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, discussed the City's Department of Human Service Programs budget as categorized by locally-defined CDBG priority areas
- III. FY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Planning
 - DHSP staff anticipate receiving level CDBG funding for FY2020 based on guidance from the National Community Development Association (NCDA)
 - Commissioners recommended the following FY2020 allocation plan:
 - Offer renewal funding to existing subgrantees at FY2019 level through a renewal application process
 - Issue RFP for up to \$90,000, contingent upon HUD funding, with more details to be determined at the March 14, 2019 meeting of the Commission
- IV. Upcoming Schedule:
 - Mike Payack announced that the next meeting of the Human Services Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019
- V. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Payack, DHSP/Planning & Development