

**City of Cleveland Heights
Citizens Advisory Committee
January 12, 2016
Council Chambers, Cleveland Heights City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Benson	Allison McCallum
Vetella Camper	Marian Morton
Kim DeNero-Ackroyd	Donalene Poduska
Douglas Dykes	Steve Titchenal
Cory Farmer	Sarah West
Jonathan Goldman	George Witherspoon
Christine Henry	Parker Zabell
Menachem Lubling	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Meg Vanderbilt (exc.)	Amanda Shaffer (exc.)
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GUEST PRESENT

Tom Raguz, Finance Director

STAFF PRESENT

Nancy McLaughlin

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allison McCallum called the meeting to order. Vice Chair Steve Titchenal called the roll; a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION

Finance Director Tom Raguz presented his annual report on the City's budget to committee members. The passage of Issue 53 in November was crucial to maintaining the City's budget. The City will not realize the full impact of the increase until 2017. The City will be able to keep six firefighters on staff when the grant that initially funded their salaries expires this year. The loss of the Kaiser/Healthspan income taxes when the facility closes will hurt the City's general fund. Metro Health will be taking over the Emergency Department at that facility. The City is also still in negotiations with Cleveland water.

MINUTES

Minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Nancy McLaughlin reported that there were no unusual expenditures to close out the end of 2015. The report will be updated with final numbers once the last request to HUD for 2015 funds is completed. Once we have the final allocation amount for 2016 we have 60 days to submit the Annual Plan to HUD.

Nancy told members that they were all reappointed for 2016 at the final Council meeting in December 2015 but there are still five vacancies on the committee.

Nancy read a letter from Pam Bradford of The Centers for Families and Children announcing that all prevention programs offered at their Cleveland Heights facility will be eliminated as of January 31, 2016. This includes the Pinpoint program. This means that they will forego the remaining funding for 2015 and all funding for 2016. These funds will be placed in the Contingency fund. Members expressed their concern for the loss of a program that had a great impact on those middle school students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Local Definitions

Nancy McLaughlin reviewed the local definitions with CAC. There were no changes proposed. A motion was made to adopt the local definitions for 2016. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

All members were asked to review the member information sheet she distributed and make any necessary changes. Nancy will send the updated member list to everyone.

Nancy will schedule Joe McRae, Director of Parks and Recreation, Rick Wagner and Capt. Annette Mecklenburg, who will be promoted to Chief of Police on February 1, for CAC meetings in the next few months.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Allison McCallum, Chair

Steve Titchenal, Vice Chair