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ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes

June 15, 2021

Virtual WebEx Meeting

10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Those Present: Tom Manzuk, Lance Dingman, Robert Semkow, James Kemp

Also Present: Tiffany Gardner, Jane Merrill, Shari Webb, Adam Palmieri, Taline Morris

Those Absent: Paula Kilburn, Jayne Cardno, Sophie Geffros

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved
3. Approval Of May 18th Meeting Notes: Meeting notes were approved
4. Discussion with City Staff Regarding RCFs and How They Operate: We had Tiffany Gardner from licensing and administration; Jane Merrill, a supervisor for Public Health, Shari Webb from the RCF subsidy program and Adam Palmieri, a supervisor with By-Law. Staff answered our many questions regarding RCFs and it was a very informative meeting. We discussed the difference of “for profit” and “not for profit”. We discussed the many shortcomings in the program and that the only way to fix most of them is more adequate funding and increased training of staff. The Subsidy program CHIPI was explained to us. We discussed a complaints process and a rating system.

We made a number of suggestions for them to consider.

Tom asked staff if, in their perspective, there was some way that the HWG and the ACPD could make a meaningful contribution to the RCF program. Their response was basically that there are a number of changes already under discussion or under weigh and that we are coming late to the table. They suggested that our best contribution is to raise awareness of the Personal Needs Allowance; we will be discussing it at SPWG when we discuss requesting additional ODSP funding.

During the presentation, Lance mentioned that one of the issues he had was: not knowing what programming was available for recreation or training and education. The Chair suggested a fridge magnet or placemat that listed all of these programs for easy reference by residents. We will discuss it at future meetings.

5. Adjournment