

Human Services Commission

Special Meeting

July 16, 2013

Present: Olive Hauser, Debra Hertz, Nancy Herling, Melisse Reardon, Holly Hawes, Rachael Martin, Polly Lowman, Jennifer Geddes, Inta Adams, Ali Ramsteck, Beverly Kelsey

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2013 were approved as presented.

Agenda Items Covered:

- **Update on the Heights:** The first phase of moves has gone well with 45 units occupied. Most of these residents were previously in Allen O'Neill. Residents have electric cooling and heating costs. The tenants previously living in the apartments did not pay for heat, this will be new for them and we already have had some anxious calls. The tenants previously living in the houses heated with oil and most received a sizable grant from energy assistance. Electric customers receive a much smaller grant which isn't applied to their bill until May 2014. This is VERY different for them and we will be going over that and reminding them that they still need to pay their electric bill over the winter months.
- **Back to School Program:** Ali has done a complete inventory of school supplies left over from last year. Polly has begun shopping for backpacks and donations will be sought from Staples, Payless Shoes and Costco. In addition, a press release is being prepared requesting financial donations and supplies and identifying specific needs.
- **Update on the Commission on Aging:** The next meeting of the Commission on Aging is next week. Jennifer Geddes reported that she has requested holiday donations from the Kiwanis Club.
- **Update on the Senior Center Move:** The move from the old Senior Center to the Town Hall building has been postponed from October to the first of the year. The delay is driven by the need to bring in a new general contractor for the Town Hall location. The Board of Ed has expressed interest in the old senior center site due to the need to expand classrooms at the Middle School.
- **Other Business:** There was no other business presented.

There will be no meeting in August; the next scheduled meeting will be September 13, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted:

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