Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020

5:00 pm

Topic: 20201001 Zoom Virtual Noticed Mtg CM Carlucci RE: KHA Teen Court Funding

Council Member Matt Carlucci called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm. He noted attendees: Council Member Randle DeFoor; Cory Armstrong and Mike Weinstein- KHA: Eve Janocko-Chief Deputy Court Administrator; Stacy Peterson – COJ with the Court System; Kim Taylor and Brian Parks-Council Auditors; Peggy Sidman – Office of General Council. CM Carlucci also noted that Executive Council Aides Books Dame, Alyson Lee, Debra Pataky, and Taryn Roberts were present.

CM Carlucci congratulated Council Members Randle DeFoor and Brenda Priestly Jackson for being recently named EVE Award winners.

CM Carlucci said that the purpose of the meeting is to fulfill CM Priestly Jackson’s request during the Social Justice and Community Involvement Special Committee that Council Members hold public hearings about the need and cost of proposed programs.

CM Carlucci explained that during his Council campaign, he met with Mike Weinstein and Kevin Gay regarding the need for increased case managers for the Teen Court program. Teen Court helps meet the need for a second chance while still teaching kids they need to pay a price for misdeeds.CM Carlucci has requested $140,000 from the Social Justice and Community Involvement Special Committee budget to fund 2.5 additional case managers.

Ms. Sidman provided a one-page fact sheet. Mr. Weinstein briefly explained the purpose of Teen Court which is to help children under the age of 18 to be tried by a jury of other teens who have been through the program. The children will be given sentences such as community service, Teen Court jury duty, or appropriate counseling. Thus they will experience the results of their actions but not have an arrest record. Teen Court currently has a caseload of 600. Mr. Weinstein also explained funding sources.

In response to CM Carlucci’s question regarding success rate, Mr. Weinstein estimated a 70-80% success rate and only a 2-5% recidivism rate. He said the goal was keeping youths out of the criminal justice system. CM DeFoor voiced her support and her wish to co-sponsor. Mr. Weinstein reiterated that having additional case managers would provide for continued growth and more oversight. CM Carlucci thanked everyone for participating and stated his belief that we need a deeper reach into the youth of our community. He called for public comment. One person spoke.

CM Carlucci adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alyson Lee, Executive Council Assistant, Matt Carlucci, Group 4 At-Large.

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