

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Aikeem Boyd, Co-chair; Jorge Cruz, Co-chair; Samia Suliman; Marcus Brown

STAFF: Thomas Gaudett, Mayoral Aide

OTHER: Council Member(s): Tyler Mack & Jeanette Herron; Ramona Berry; Barbara

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2022 (REGULAR MEETING).

**** CO-CHAIR CRUZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2022 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MS. SULIMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATIONAL SESSION WITH DONNA ROMANO, BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION; RAMONA BERRY, MOUNT AERY BAPTIST CHURCH AND CARMEN COLON, ALPHA COMMUNITY SERVICES/YMCA REGARDING HOMELESSNESS AND UPDATES AND STATUSES UPON RECEIVING THE AMERICA RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING.

Ms. Berry, representing Mt. Aery Baptist Church, came forward to discuss this item. She reviewed the timeline of the program for the Committee. She noted that the person originally in charge had quit. She noted people had been leery to come to them. She felt that they had not adequately reached out to certain portions of the population. They are applying for the grant in order to be able to better provide food to the community. Four people had to split the responsibility of the person who had quit. She outlined the services that they have provided such as vaccines, haircuts, and hepatitis-C and HIV testing. She reviewed future things that they desired to help with, such as helping members of the community obtain photo ID's.

Mr. Cruz noted that the homeless had made a new encampment and felt that helping the church engage in outreach was essential as a result. Further discussion followed regarding the homeless services.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. CRUZ MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MS. SULIMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian A. Soltes
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