



HUMAN PLANNING COMMISSION

1315 S. Washington Avenue
Council Chamber – Room 205

989.399.1311

May 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Human Planning Commission
May 17, 2023, Minutes

Roll Call: Present were Dennis Morrison, Darlene Carpenter, Lula Woodard, Valerie Toney, Debra Melkonian, Suzanne Smokoska, Cathy Wagner, Henry Porterfield, Jr., Mike Foust, Carmen Hamilton, Heather Collins, and City of Saginaw staff Leticia, Kanah & Barbara. Excused R. Carter

Guests from the following organizations attended to present their requests:

Saginaw County Youth Protection Council
Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity
Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan/Higher Purpose
Saginaw Housing Commission
City of Saginaw

Mr. Pruitt and Ms. Hammond attended to share their concerns during the public comment period.

After hearing the presentations and asking questions, the commission deliberated on task of distributing \$1,627,488 available from the American Relief Plan.

Mike moved the following budget to be adopted, and Dennis supported the motion:

Saginaw County Youth Protection Council	\$363,870
Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity	\$762,772
City of Saginaw	\$162,750
Higher Purpose	\$338,096
Saginaw Housing Commission	\$0

Discussion followed. Although Higher Purpose's ability to accomplish their goals seems somewhat questionable, it was felt by some that by funding them the HPC would have opportunity to provide some input on their proposed project. Henry wondered if the same could be true for the Housing Commission, whose presentation by the developers being hired by the SHC to address serious needs at the Pinewood Manor and Rosien Tower was very poorly done, so bad that none of the commissioners

wanted to give them any funding. The hour was late and the commission voted without discussion this point raised by Porterfield and the budget passed.

However, Collins had voter remorse and after Robert's Rules of Order was consulted, Collins moved the vote to be reversed, and Morrison supported the motion. The motion passed and we agreed to hold a special meeting during the summer to further discuss the allocation of these funds and ask additional questions of the applicants if need be. Suzanne moved for adjournment and Dennis seconded and the meeting was adjourned around 8:45pm.

Chairperson:	Valerie Toney
Vice-Chair:	Eric Braddock
Secretary:	Heather Collins
Parliamentarian:	Jeffrey Bulls
Chaplain:	Dennis Morrison