



Norton Health Advisory Board Memorandum

To: Karla Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 2/17/11
Re: Norton Health Advisory Board Approved/Signed Minutes: January 26, 2011

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Norton Health Advisory Board meeting held on January 26, 2011.

Please note that the original document has been forwarded to, and will be on file with the Clerk of Council.

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**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, January 26, 2010**

The Health Advisory Board (NHAB) of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Vice-Chairperson Spisak called the meeting to order at 6:55p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Dalia Spisak, Nancy Delnay, Scott Pelot, Johanna Edwards, and Mike Safron

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, November 10, 2010. **Vice-Chairperson Spisak called for a motion. Ms. Delnay moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Safron. ROLL CALL: Ms. Delnay – Yes, Mr. Safron – Yes, Ms. Spisak -Yes. The motions passed 3 - 0, approving the minutes as written.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Delnay had asked if Ms. Fisher had heard anymore about the restrooms for Columbia Woods Park. Ms. Fisher stated that she has heard nothing else from Administration.

There was talk concerning the newspaper article that the EPA would like to stop the spraying for mosquitos since it could be contaminating the properties and water. Mr. Pelot stated that the Board may want to look into getting together with the MAD group, by contacting Mr. Harrison and see if they could talk with him concerning the situation. Ms. Delnay stated that Mr. Karant sent through email different states that have mosquito abatements and would send it on to Mr. Pelot. Mr. Safron stated that as long as there are flashing lights and a loud noise that makes people feel good that there is something being done. The long term effects are what may be needed to be told to the community.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Vice-Chairperson Spisak welcomed the new member Johanna Edwards to the Board and asked her to tell the Board about herself. Ms. Edwards gave a little background about her and stated she was glad to be on the Board.

Vice-Chairperson Spisak stated that we would be having the elections of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Spisak stated she would like to nominate Nancy Delnay as the Chairperson if she would accept it. Ms. Delnay stated she would accept it and the Board approved the nomination. Ms. Spisak asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson and Mr. Safron stated that he would like to have Ms. Spisak remain as the Vice-Chairperson and the Board approved. Vice-Chairperson Spisak adjourned the meeting and Chairperson Delnay reopened the meeting. Chairperson Delnay stated that she wanted to say that she is very happy to have Johanna Edwards on the Board and that she has worked with her and her reputation locally and statewide is very well respected.

Chairperson Delnay stated that what they need to talk about is does the Board think they need to continue on and she stated for the record that she was disappointed about reading in the newspaper the consideration of disbanding the Board without communication from the Council, Mayor. It was disconcerting to her and that she has been on the Board for quite a long while. Her understanding of the formation of the Board was the contract with Barberton to have a say with them after Norton left Summit County the first time. She was under the impression that whoever was chairing the NHAB, then that is who would be the representative to Summit County Health District. She did not know it was an appointed position from the Mayor. Ms. Delnay thought that would maintain the collaboration with the Board but Dan Karant stays as the appointed position from the Mayor and there is no communication between the Board and Dan then it kind of defeats the

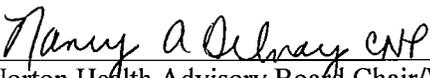
purpose, they are just a group of people. Ms. Fisher explained that she kept Mr. Karant on the email list so he would be able to bring information to the Board when it was necessary. Ms. Spisak stated that we must have a venue for communicating those issues that are happening in our community. Ms. Delnay asked Mr. Pelot if he had anything to say and he stated that he wanted to apologize because he got part of this started and it wasn't his intent to get things riled, but he didn't want to see the Board sitting here with no direction. He had Karla pull the Ordinances to see how the Board was originally formed. He stated that it was formed in 2003 by Mayor Amy Addis and it stated that the Board would be a liaison between the City of Norton and the Barberton Health District because of the feeling between the two cities. He stated that since we went back to Summit County and we do have a voting seat there, he questioned whether to still have this board so as not to waste their time and obviously they are volunteering their time and it is not about the pay. He spoke to Mr. Karant and questioned him whether the city is still in need of the Board and Mr. Karant stated that he thinks there is still a need and talked about some direction in which the Board maybe should take. He spoke of the MAD district to get involved in the taking care of the mosquito problems. Mr. Karant stated that the Board may want to morf into that direction. Mr. Pelot talked to the Mayor and stated that he would be attending this meeting. There was more discussion on how to proceed with the Board and what direction the Board needs to go. Chairperson Delnay questioned Ms. Edwards if the Mayor had any expectations of anything he wanted in her roll. Ms. Edwards stated that was not discussed at all and he asked her if she knew about MAD and she stated that she did know about it. She stated that MAD's number one priority and what this community's idea about this Board are two different things in her opinion. When you have the Summit County Health Department being part of the overseeing body, then the information has to filter down, there has to be a way for our concerns to get back to the county. Therefore you do need a board or committee to be the liaison. Ms. Edwards stated that Dan Karant is the appointed person for the City of Norton to the Summit County Health District and asked what the expectations are of him. Mr. Pelot stated that he asked Mr. Karant if he was told what the expectations were of him on the SCHD and he was not told what the expectations were. Ms. Edwards stated that it is probably because it has not been set up and they are trying to get the pieces and parts worked out and with the combining of health districts it may take some time. Ms. Delnay stated that the way it should work is that a Board member would be to set on the SCHD and that way the communication would be intact. Ms. Delnay asked what the term is for the appointment to the SCHD and Mr. Pelot stated that there is not a limit at this time. Ms. Spisak stated that she thought that the person that is representing Norton on the SCHD board should be the chairperson of the Norton Health Advisory Board so that person is not an alone person. Ms. Spisak stated that if that person would not be able to go then another Board member could take their place and the communication is available. Ms. Spisak stated that they have been talking about communication in the city. She also stated that since there is nothing set in stone, they may want to change that. Scott Pelot stated that the Board needs to set what they expect from the Mayor or Council to let them know what direction the Board needs to go either by memo or recommendation and see where it goes from there. Mr. Pelot questioned whether there should be a term limit or not? Mr. Safon stated that since they are an advisory board, and no policy is made by this advisory board, it doesn't make sense to have term limits. There was more discussion concerning the board.

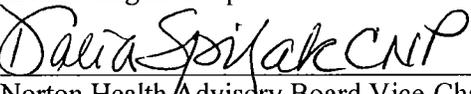
Chairperson Delnay asked if there were any areas for the SCHD reports that needed to be reviewed or discussed. Ms. Spisak questioned about the November report of a concern and it was dismissed then in December it was reported again and a violation was found. She wanted to know if that possibly was handled.

Ms. Delnay stated that with the discussion of the meeting calendar that we continue the monthly meetings and just change the night to the third Wednesday of the month. Mr. Pelot stated that if they have anything to discuss with Mr. Karant, then email Mr. Pelot and he will be able to talk to him.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2011 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Delnay adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.


Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair


Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

Date 2/16/11