

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Thursday, February 28, 2013**

The Health Advisory Board (NHAB) of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Chairperson Safron called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mike Safron, Johanna Edwards, Dalia Spisak, Charlotte Whipkey, Cindy Mazey

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Zita

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 17, 2012 and **Chairperson Safron called for a motion to approve them. Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted with the corrections that had been made; seconded by Ms. Edwards. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak – Yes, Ms. Edwards – Yes, Mr. Safron – Yes, Ms. Whipkey – Yes, and Cindy Mazey - Yes. The motions passed 5 - 0, approving the minutes as written.**

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Safron thanked Mayor Zita for attending the meeting tonight. Chairperson Safron stated that they wanted to invite him to the meeting tonight since they try to give the advice for the city and to inform the Mayor concerning health issues and wanted to come up with ideas to give the residents the information. Ms. Spisak spoke first about how they could best serve the Mayor and they thought for awhile of just promoting health with new letters and the use of the website would be a great way to get the information out to the citizens and that if each of the professionals could bring a site to have put on the website for the benefit of the citizens. Ms. Spisak also stated that with the Summit County Public Health web site is getting richer in information.

Mayor Zita stated that he had given some thought about what does the board see as health care professionals whether it is a need for the community to move into a forward direction as a benefit to the residents in the city. Ms. Spisak stated that they all agree that you need to have some designated professionals when hard core health, the livelihood, wellness and disease opportunities you need a group that will provide you with accurate and evidence based information. Chairperson Safron stated that he would like to get information and break it down and bring the information to the table with the health and environmental issues. Chairperson Safron stated that he would like to look towards grouping some of the resources like from Summit County and SASWMA to let people know how to destroy some of the stuff that they would get rid of wrongly. Mayor Zita stated that would be good since the methamphetamine problems we are having and that needs to have the information how we should be able to handle it safely and if the board noticed that the recycle bin has been taken away and has been replace with the barrels in the parking area for the economy. He stated that the residents do have the recycle bins at home to use and that by loosing the dumpster wasn't the cities choice but because of the economy. Ms. Edwards stated that with the new containers you may want to have a corral so when the wind is blowing they would not have everything blowing around. Mayor Zita stated that he is trying to work with what they can and he stated that something is better than nothing. He doesn't want people bringing stuff here and finding out we don't have the container and just dropping it off. Mayor Zita stated that the city gets a stipend for recycling by tonnage with the understanding that it is to be used for recycling. The Mayor talked about the trash cans in the park that have no lids and the animals are getting into them and they are trying to figure out a way of doing better trash cans and we are not able to use the money coming from the recycling since that has to go to recycling only. Ms. Whipkey stated that with J & J collecting recyclables then they receive the credit for the recycling. The Mayor stated that the city gets the stipend from that which J & J collects. Ms. Mazey stated she also feels that we need evidence based information to be able to get that out to the residents and some kind of venue like the Library. We could reach out to the elderly in the community with information to get it out to the residents. Chairperson Safron stated that it would be great if they could get it onto the website so they could access it that way also. Ms. Spisak stated that the current health care trend is evidence based data. Ms. Edwards stated that she would like to have some place to place a box so people can ask a nurse a question so if a resident goes to the doctor and they don't understand something they could ask it that way. Mr. Safron stated that it might be a liability. Ms. Edwards stated that it should not have any problem since they have a license. Ms. Whipkey

stated that once you bring that into the government you would need to look into it that way. Mr. Safron asked Ms. Whipkey if she had any ideas and Ms. Whipkey stated she would leave that up to the professionals. Mr. Safron asked the Mayor if using the website for information and Mayor Zita stated that he would talk to Ann Campbell and see if she could put it as a link to another page and have the information there. Ms. Mazey stated that would be good since a lot of people look to the .com areas and that is thought based and not evident based and this is the website that you need to go to.

Mr. Safron asked the Mayor if there was anything else he would like to talk about it and Mayor Zita stated that we are in the flu season and he wasn't sure whether we are in the middle of it or at the end of it or where they are. He also stated that Summit County brought out information and we have like sanitizer for the carts and about covering up for coughing and things like that. There was more discussion concerning the flu. Ms. Edwards stated that when they have mass amounts of people the people need to use the sanitizers and when they are picking up things off the shelves and they eat things on the way home and they need to make sure they are washing their hands. Mayor Zita stated that he has seen so many times kids in the carts and the little ones with their mouths on the handles and he wants people to think of the germs on those things. Ms. Edwards stated that they are now trial testing about putting hand sanitizers at the end of the cashier's area so people can keep their hands clean. Ms. Edwards stated that they are tracking with the blizzards with the flu and see if it affects the east coast and that is what the CDC is going to be doing. Ms. Whipkey stated that adding stress levels affects it also and Ms. Edwards stated yes it does affect it.

Mayor Zita brought to light about bone marrow drives and Ms. Edwards stated that is a great idea. Mayor Zita stated that he doesn't know why we would have to wait to spearhead this kind of drive but it is a way of having information of donors. Ms. Edwards stated that this is the age of being proactive and not reactive and Norton would be ahead of the game. There was more discussion concerning the bone marrow registry.

Mayor Zita stated that one of the programs through Summit County is the CERT program which is Community Emergency Response Team and it is a program that helps the community in an emergency and everyone can't do everything but there are different things that could help out in the area. The Mayor stated that it would be a good that it could be used for a lot of different things in the community. Ms. Edwards stated that she is a member of the program and said that it is a very good program. Mayor Zita stated that it is a class that you need to go to and you would call Marlene Martin at Summit County. Ms. Edwards stated that the city should try to find out how many have the shortwave radio access for when the power grid goes out they are the ones that somehow still have access.

Mayor Zita spoke about the new meth that has come out which was found in Streetsboro and Ms. Spisak stated that they may need to have the Alcohol Drug and Mental Health to come out again with information concerning all the new things that are coming out and we need to get the information out to the community. Chairperson Safron spoke concerning the movies that are coming out and stated he was hoping that our educators are talking concerning the information that is out there. Ms. Spisak stated that maybe the board needs to come up with a questionnaire to put on the website and speak to Ms. Campbell and give them a month and see what the community is asking and answering. Mayor Zita stated that with Norton Clean Up Day on April 27, 2013 we are needing people and I know there are children that come and we need supervisory people to watch over the children and with all the things that are out there we cannot have to many adults.

Ms. Spisak stated that Tuesday March 5, 2013, 10:00am women only, walking exercise at Pheasant Run at Silver Creek Lake Park sponsored by the Summit County Metro Parks.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Safron asked if there were any questions concerning the SCHD reports and he stated that he would like to talk to SCHD concerning the violations of the C & DD sites. Ms. Whipkey stated that she talked to Mr. Arters and he stated that it was a fill that is a requirement of the EPA fill to take care of the leachate. Mayor Zita stated that what they are trying to address is they are almost to capacity and what happens is they can end up picking up and pulling out and leave the mess behind. He stated that is why they are attempting to put in sanitary sewer and with that there are separators that are used and they would need to put that in. Ms. Whipkey stated that maybe they need to put in place legislation that if they pull and leave that it is covered by them. There was more discussion of the C & DD landfills.

Ms. Edwards spoke concerning animal bites and stated that there have been more incidents concerning the bites. She stated that when there is a report then they send it out and there is a checkup on the information concerning the animal. There were 2 people in the audience that wanted to say something but did not come up to the podium. They spoke concerning the animal bites.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2013 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Safron adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair

Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

Date _____

*Final minutes approved and signed at the meeting on April 25, 2013.
Original is on file with the Clerk of Council.*