City Health Board Meeting Discussion Record April 6, 2020

Voting members in attendance: Dr. Mary Milroy, City Manager Amy Leon and Mayor Nathan Johnson.

Ex Officio members in attendance: City Attorney Ross Den Herder, Police Commander Jason Foote, Community Development Manager Brad Bies and Community and Economic Development Director Dave Mingo.

Commander Foote was asked how enforcement is going? He stated that in general, it is going well. The Police Department has had to provide a few reminders but overall things have been pretty well received. There were no calls regarding violations over the weekend.

Leon stated that education is still important and the CDC continues to update their advisories. The new advisory includes face coverings.

Johnson discussed that we are now considered to have substantial community spread and what that could mean for our regulatory efforts. The Mayor of Sioux Falls is making a proclamation referencing recommended actions but it is not an ordinance at this time. The peak surge is still estimated to be in late May or early June. Governor Noem extended her executive order to May 31st and changed "should" to "shall" in the order. Johnson stated the Health Board should discuss next steps. City leaders are going to have to depend on our own decisions and not look to the state for direction. We should discuss the possibility of a "stay at home" protocol. The Governor's advisory says say at home for those 65 and older and those with health conditions. Schools are closed for rest of year. Den Herder stated that any expansion of the protocol would require a new ordinance. The current ordinance does not support an extensive increase in regulatory authority.

Leon discussed education efforts and the need to continue and increase those efforts. Dr. Milroy will be doing an educational video piece. We have worked to create user friendly guideline documents from our ordinance. We can also review what other communities have done to see if there is something we are missing.

Mingo suggested that the next step may be best received as an advisory rather than an ordinance. Dr. Milroy agreed and suggested an advisory with strong language is a logical next step. Johnson agreed. Den Herder will work on some language for an advisory the Commission can consider.

Leon reported that the Parks Department is getting ready to open bathrooms in the parks. The board discussed the advantages of having facilities open that allow hand washing. We may need to think about drinking fountains separately.

Johnson commented that citizens can make a difference by their actions and he hopes people will act to minimize spread.

Bies and Dr. Milroy will work together on talking points. For the video.

Motion to adjourn by Milroy, seconded by Johnson. All voted aye.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 9th, 2020 at 2:00PM