

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

**June 25, 2019
6:30 PM**

**City Hall / Police Facility
Eagle Room**

<p>MEMBERS PRESENT</p> <p>Senthil Chandran Derek Franklin Brooke Fraser Loretta Jancoski Ana M. Jiménez-Inman Jolie Kwan-Hart Susan Leonelli Sonia Sahay Rebekah Smith</p> <p>MEMBERS NOT PRESENT N/A</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT</p> <p>David Fujimoto, Sustainability Director Monica Negrila, Human Services & Social Sustainability Coordinator</p> <p>VISITORS PRESENT Erika Rhett, BERK Consulting</p>
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CALL TO ORDER

FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FRANKLIN invited the commissioners to review the minutes from the May 28th, 2019 meeting. JIMÉNEZ-INMAN proposed a correction to the minutes on page #1, to clarify that there was only one new commissioner welcomed to the Human Services Commission as the other was absent. A second correction was suggested on page #2, to replace the word “includes” with “included” to reflect past tense. A final suggestion was made on page #3 to clarify that the joint Boards and Commission meeting for the Mobility Master Plan was held at the Issaquah Senior Center. JANCOSKI motioned to approve the minutes with the proposed corrections. CHANDRAN seconded that the minutes for the May 28, 2019 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

No updates currently.

STAFF REPORT

Local and Regional Updates

Eastside Human Services Forum (EHSF)

NEGRILA provided an update of the most recent educational event on Affordable Housing held by the Eastside Human Services Forum on June 20th, 2019. Representatives from ARCH, King County Housing Authority, and Beacon Development Group provided an overview of the

affordable housing options in King County, with focus on the Eastside challenges and opportunities. The materials will be shared with the Human Services Commission as soon as the electronic versions are obtained.

Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)

NEGRILA shared with the Commissioners that earlier this month (June 5th and 6th) a team of 6 Issaquah staff joined the NW Cohort of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) covering 20 jurisdictions from Washington and Oregon, to begin work on advancing racial equity in government. This was the first training session in a series of nine monthly meetings tailored to local government entities who are beginning or deepening their work on racial equity. The Commission expressed interest in applying equity to the grant making process.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Healthy Community Strategy

The City has begun work on the development of a Healthy Community Strategy and hired BERK Consulting to support the project. Erika Rhett from BERK Consulting provided a historical overview of the Healthy Community Strategy including prior work on the Community Needs Assessment, reviewed with the Commission the Healthy Community Strategy Objectives, and provided a preliminary introduction to the Priority Areas. The Commissioners had an opportunity to provide input on the stakeholder interviews and community outreach efforts. Suggestions included: talking with local businesses, ensuring that cultural groups are included, and considering representatives from the Jewish community, the Youth Advisory Board, individuals receiving services in the community, childcare providers, police, first responders, and the health department. Commissioners noted that to help ensure meaningful input from cultural groups, it is vital that the City work with community members who have established relationships and the knowledge of the language and culture of the populations.

Commissioners took turns providing input on what would they like to see accomplished through the Healthy Community Strategy. Suggestions ranged from wanting to use the product as a tool to inform the grant making process, to understanding how the Issaquah community is evolving, identifying best practices and outcome measures that can help track progress, to the opportunity to identify unique approaches to address homelessness, among other suggestions. Homelessness was discussed as needing to be addressed both locally, as well as regionally. In addition, suggestions were made to divide strategic actions surrounding homelessness into prevention and supportive measures. The need to focus on 2-3 specific action steps was also noted, to help increase efficiency and impact.

b) Human Services Commissions Site Visits

Final details regarding site visits were discussed, and plans were made for reports summarizing the visits to be shared by commissioners in future Human Services Commission meetings.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

JIMÉNEZ-INMAN reminded staff to ensure that the Human Services Commission roster is updated on the website to include the Youth Representative.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.