

09-24-19 Human Services Commission Minutes

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6:30 PM
September 24, 2019

MINUTES

Pickering Room, 1775 12th
Ave NW, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**Councilmembers:**

Senthil Chandran
Derek Franklin
Jolie Kwan-Hart,
Loretta Jancoski
Ana Jimenez-Inman
Sonia Sahay
Rebekah Smith
Susan Leonelli
Brooke Fraser, Youth Board
Representative

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services &
Social Sustainability Coordinator

David Fujimoto, Sustainability Director

Visitors Present:

None

CALL TO ORDER**Commission Membership**

FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**Minutes of August 27, 2019**

FRANKLIN invited the commissioners to review the minutes. JIMENEZ-INMAN proposed clarifications to the minutes to include defining Housing Strategy Nine, noting the time for the Joint Eastside Human Services Commission Meeting and inquiring about changes to the formatting of the minutes to add the mission of the Human Services Commission as part of the agenda. JANCOSKI motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections suggested. LEONELLI seconded that the minutes for the August 27th, 2019 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

FRANKLIN invited the Commissioners to a discussion about the increase in hate speeches in the community and the efforts to combat them. Commissioners shared information about safe places and further talked about the community's role in promoting a safe and welcoming environment.

In addition, the Human Services Commission expressed interest in taking a more active role in addressing equity in the community and proposed a future information session regarding the current efforts in the Issaquah School District and the Community.

STAFF REPORT

Low-Income Senior Utility Discount Program

NEGRILA provided a brief overview of the Low- Income Senior Utility Discount Program available in the City.

AGENDA ITEMS

Agency Site Visit Reports

The Commissioners decided to postpone the reports to allow for more time for discussions. FRANKLIN also suggested a future agenda item for the next Human Services funding cycle to further discuss benefits and challenges around visiting organizations or inviting them as guests to Commission meetings.

Human Services Grants

- **Timeline and Process**

NEGRILA provided a brief review of the Human Services Grants Timeline and Process used for the 2019-2020 funding cycle.

Joint Commission Meeting Debrief

- **Supporting Small Non-Profit Organizations**

A summary of the presentation from the Joint Eastside Human Services Commission Meeting was provided, followed by discussion regarding possible changes and enhancements to the granting process to include increased Equity practices and efficiencies around the applications reviews. This topic will be further addressed in future meetings.

Healthy Community Strategy Update

A draft timeline of the Healthy Community Strategy was provided to the Commission. Future meetings will include more detailed summaries of current findings with opportunities to provide input regarding future steps in this process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments.

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OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.