

6:30 PM
October 29, 2019

MINUTES

Pickering Room, 1775 12th
Ave NW, Issaquah WA

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

COMMISSIONERS

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

Administration/Staff:

David Fujimoto, Sustainability
Director

Monica Negrila, Human Services &
Social Sustainability Coordinator

Visitors Present:

Erika Rhett, BERK Consulting
Torin Howard, Resident

PLANNING POLICY COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

COMMISSIONERS

Joan Probala
Randy Harrison
Jason Voiss
Janice Carle
Bill Rinehart
Joy Lewis, absent
Ron Faul, absent
Tom Haskins, absent
Robin Beukers, absent

Administration/Staff:

Trish Heinonen, Policy Planning
Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Membership

FRANKLIN, Chair of the Human Services Commission called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. Introductions were made.

AGENDA ITEMS**Joint Review of the Healthy Community Strategy Project**

FUJIMOTO introduced Erika Rhett from BERK Consulting and provided a framework for the Healthy Community Strategy project, inviting Commissioners to provide feedback on this work and highlighting the value that the Commissioners' perspectives bring to this effort.

RHETT provided a summary of the Community Needs Assessment conducted in 2016 which is used as a foundational framework for the Healthy Community Strategy. She highlighted the four major themes identified by the Community Needs Assessment: lack of housing stability, behavioral health norms, disparities by race and ethnicity, sex and income and barriers to accessing services and resources. RHETT noted that two additional focus areas were included more recently to the Healthy Community Strategy work plan: a Senior Needs Assessment and a Housing Inventory.

RHETT continued the presentation with a review of the information collected to date in the community through stakeholder interviews, focus groups and community outreach. Commissioners were presented with data collected for children and youth, adults, older adults and individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurities.

The presentation was followed by small group discussions by population groups, where Commissioners further discussed the gaps in services and worked on prioritizing the most important issues to address. Each group shared their prioritized list of important issues to address as this work moves forward.

The information gathered from the Human Services and Planning Policy Commissions will be included in the Healthy Community Strategy project and shared with the City Council in the upcoming month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.