

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission**

6:30 PM
November 19, 2019

MINUTES

Pickering Room, City Hall NW
1775 12th Ave NW

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Derek Franklin, Chair
Loretta Jancoski
Ana Jiménez-Inman
Jolie Kwan-Hart
Sonia Sahay
Susan Leonelli, Alternate

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services & Social
Sustainability Coordinator
David Fujimoto, Sustainability Director

Visitors:

Trish Bloor

Absent:

Senthil Chandran, Excused
Rebekah Smith, Excused
Brooke Fraser, Youth Board Representative,
Excused

CALL TO ORDER

- a) Commission Membership
FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of September 24, 2019
FRANKLIN invited the commissioners to review the minutes. JIMENEZ-INMAN motioned to approve the minutes as presented. SAHAY seconded that the minutes for the September 24, 2019 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- b) Minutes of October 29, 2019
FRANKLIN invited the commissioners to review the minutes. JANCOSKI motioned to approve the minutes as presented. JIMENEZ-INMAN seconded that the minutes for the October 29, 2019 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

- a) *Presented by:*

Derek Franklin, Chair

FRANKLIN opened the discussion with an interest in identifying timely items that the Commission may wish to discuss, along with updates as available by staff. The Commission discussed a range of items including transportation and behavioral health in schools.

STAFF REPORT

a) **Expansion of Low-Income Utility Discount Program, (I)**

Presented by:

David Fujimoto, Sustainability Director

FUJIMOTO provided an overview of the proposed Low-Income Utility Assistance program which has been discussed with the City Council in response to increases in utility rates and taxes with the budget deliberations. The program is anticipated to expand to additional low-income households including those who rent as well as own their home, including both multifamily and single-family households. The low-income senior discount would be expanded under the program. The City Council anticipated reviewing the program at their meeting on December 2.

b) **Eastside Human Services Forum: 2020 Legislative Agenda, (I)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

NEGRILA provided an overview of the Eastside Human Services Forum (EHSF) legislative agenda including items such as basic needs, health services, supporting older adults, individuals experiencing homelessness and youth, as well as other cross-cutting priorities. Commissioners were also reminded of the Board and Commission Recognition Event and the Positive Community Norms training sponsored by Influence the Choice, both of which take place on Thursday, November 21.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Proposed Changes to Human Services Grants Cycle, (D)**

Presented by:

David Fujimoto, Sustainability Director

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

NEGRILA provided an overview of current funding challenges with the current human services grant making process, recent Commission training on equity and opportunities to align funding approaches with the Healthy Community Strategy which is currently in development. The Commission will further discuss options and approaches to the grants in future meetings.

b) **Draft of 2020 Workplan, (I)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

A draft of the 2020 Workplan of the Human Services Commission was presented, which includes the human services grants reviews and funding recommendations, the Healthy Community Strategy, Commissioners recruitment and alignment with other regional work.

c) **Agency Site Visit Reports, (I)**

Presented by:

Human Services Commissioners

NEGRILA informed the Commissioners that permission was granted to share the reports electronically. After reviewing the reports, the Commissioners may decide to discuss some reports during the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pickering Room, 1775 12th Ave NW.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.