

07-13-20 Human Services Commission Minutes

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CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission – Special Meeting

6:00 PM
 July 13, 2020

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 prohibiting open public meetings from occurring in person. The proclamation has been extended to Aug. 1, 2020. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Derek Franklin, Chair
 Senthil Chandran
 Loretta Jancoski
 Ana Jiménez-Inman
 Jolie Kwan-Hart
 Sonia Sahay
 Rebekah Smith

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services & Social
 Sustainability Coordinator

Susan Leonelli, Alternate
 Brooke Fraser, Youth Board Representative

CALL TO ORDER

FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals provided written comments prior to the meeting. The written comments were acknowledged and read during the Public Comment section of the meeting.

Marni Kurtz, Executive Director, Athletes for Kids - the importance of obtaining financial support through the Human Services grants.

Ruben Rivera-Jackman, Imagine Housing - appreciation for the City's support

In addition, the following individuals made public comments during the meeting:

Helen Banks, Eastside Baby Corner – appreciation for the City's support - Grants, Food Collaborative

Alisa Chatinski, The Sophia Way - regarding the significant increase of fund requests for the next funding cycle

Kathy Fleming, Attain Housing – overview of programs provided

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of Feb. 25, 2020

FRANKLIN invited the Commissioners to review the minutes of February 25, 2020. SMITH moved to approve the minutes with proposed corrections: correct start time of meeting to reflect 6:00pm start instead of 8:00pm, and correct typo from “un” to “an” on the second page of the minutes, under the paragraph addressing the update on Census related activities.

LEONELLI seconded that the minutes for the February 25, 2020, meeting be approved with the modifications suggested. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

a) **Local Updates, (I)**

Presented by:

Derek Franklin, Chair

FRANKLIN acknowledged the unprecedented times over the last few months and the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the work of the Human Services Commission. FRANKLIN thanked the Commissioners for their commitment and collaboration during the grant review process.

STAFF REPORT

a) **Human Services COVID-19 Response Updates (I)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

NEGRILA provided an overview of the Human Services response during the COVID-19 crisis, highlighting City actions related to Food and Housing priorities, as well as on-going support to agencies and residents in need.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Election of Officers, (A)**

Presented by:

Derek Franklin, Chair

Following a review of the Chair/Vice-Chair selection process, FRANKLIN called for nominations for the Human Services Chair position. SMITH nominated FRANKLIN for the Chair position. No other nominations were made. FRANKLIN accepted the nomination and Commissioners unanimously voted for him to serve as the Chair of the Human Services Commission during the 2020-2021 term.

Next, FRANKLIN called for nominations for the Human Services Vice-Chair position. LEONELLI nominated SMITH for the Vice-Chair position. FRANKLIN called for additional nominations. JANCOSKI nominated LEONELLI for the Vice-Chair position. No other nominations were made. LEONELLI thanked Commissioners for the nomination and noted that due to work volume at her current job, she does not have the capacity to take on this assignment and therefore would like to withdraw the nomination, if possible. Commissioners unanimously voted for SMITH to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Human Services Commission during the 2020-2021 term.

b) **2021-2022 Human Services Grants, Goal Area Report Out, (D)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

Commissioners provided a high-level overview of the grants review work conducted in small groups. The discussion focused on criteria used in the decision-making process by the groups for the 5 goal areas in which grants were divided into. Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions and provide further clarifications. A plan was made to continue the process during the next meeting, scheduled for July 28, when specific recommendation would be reviewed and integration with the Outreach and Grassroots Grants will be made.

c) **Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan, (D)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

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NEGRILA provided a brief overview of the Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan that is currently out for Public review and comments. The Plan is scheduled to return to Council later in August for possible adoption. The Human Services Commission will have a more in-depth conversation with opportunity to provide feedback at the next meeting, on July 28.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.