

08-18-20 Human Services Commission Minutes

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CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission – Special Meeting

6:00 PM
 August 18, 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 September 1, 2020. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Derek Franklin, Chair
 Loretta Jancoski
 Ana Jiménez-Inman
 Jolie Kwan-Hart (*Absent*)
 Sonia Sahay
 Rebekah Smith
 Susan Leonelli
 Brooke Fraser, Youth Board Representative

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services & Social
 Sustainability Coordinator
 Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services
 Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of July 28, 2020

FRANKLIN invited the Commissioners to review the minutes of July 13, 2020. SAHAY moved to approve the minutes as presented. INMAN seconded that the minutes for the July 28, 2020, meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

- a) **Local Updates, (I)**
Presented by:
Derek Franklin, Chair

No updates at this time.

STAFF REPORT

- a) **Human Services Updates (I)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

NEGRILA provided a brief update on the Human Services initiatives since the last meeting, highlighting the City Council's endorsement of the Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) 2021-2022 Human Services Grants, Finalize Funding Recommendations, (A)

Presented by:

Derek Franklin, Chair

The Commission finalized deliberations on funding recommendations for all five Goal Areas: Food to Eat and Roof Overhead, Supportive Relationships within Families, Neighborhoods, and Communities, Safe Haven from All Forms of Violence and Abuse, Health Care to be Physically and Mentally Fit as Possible, Education and Job Skills to Lead an Independent Life. The Commission deliberated the allocations of the remaining balance of funds and the 2021-2022 Grant Allocations.

JANCOSKI moved to allocate the remaining fund balance for emergency financial assistance services and the Eastside Family Shelter. INMAN seconded; motion passed 5-2 (vote count included youth representative).

LEONELI moved to recommend the 2021-2022 grant funding allocations to the Mayor & City Council as finalized in the Human Services Commission deliberations. SMITH seconded; motion passed unanimously.

b) Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan, Planning for Implementation (D)

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

Commissioners discussed the revised City Council endorsed Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan. Commissioners asked for clarifications and provided ideas on how to best approach the task assigned to the Commission. Suggestions were made to return to the Commission with additional information, including the Commission's bylaws, previous City work and initiative on Equity and a draft plan for action. Commissioners expressed interest to hear from the community and from field experts in addressing this task.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two commissioners are transitioning from the Commission as they are moving out of the Issaquah area. Commissioners and staff thanked them for their service on the Commission and for their commitment to our community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.