

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Human Services Commission – Special Meeting**

6:30 PM  
 October 27, 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 November 9, 2020. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

*Commissioners in Attendance:*

Derek Franklin, Chair  
 Ana Jiménez-Inman  
 Rebekah Smith  
 Manny Brown  
 Susan Leonelli  
 Lucrecia Choto  
 Patricia Sadate-Ngatchou  
 Brooke Fraser, Youth Board Representative

*Administration/Staff:*

Monica Negrila, Human Services & Social  
 Sustainability Coordinator  
 Marisol Visser, Human Services Assistant  
 Lauren Knox, Senior Human Resources  
 Analyst  
 Paul Lwali, Right to Breathe

**CALL TO ORDER**

FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. New Commissioners were introduced.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of September 22, 2020

FRANKLIN invited the Commissioners to review the minutes of September 22, 2020. SMITH motioned to approve the minutes as presented. LEONELLI seconded that the minutes for the September 22, 2020, meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORT**

- a) **FY 2021 Recovery Task Force Initiatives (I)**

*Presented by:*

*Derek Franklin, Chair*

FRANKLIN asked Commissioners to share their top three recommendations for Human Services initiatives the City should consider for the 2021 Workplan. The recommendations will be presented to the Mayor's Recovery Task Force for discussion and prioritization. Commissioners took turns in providing input on Human Services initiatives the City should consider in 2021. A summary of the proposed initiatives will be presented at the next meeting.

**STAFF REPORT**a) **Updates from Mayor and City Council (I)***Presented by:**Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator*

NEGRILA provided an update on the most recent City Council actions related to Human Services, which included updated CARES Act funding allocations to support early initiation of the 2021 planned pilot program for Outreach and Case Management services for individuals who are homeless, updates on Council Budget deliberations related to funding supports to increase Human Services staffing capacity, updates on implementing Mediation services, and updates regarding the Police Accountability, Equity, and Human Services Action Plan.

b) **Local/Regional Human Services Updates (I)***Presented by:**Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator*

NEGRILA provided an overview of upcoming fundraising events and food drives organized by some of the local nonprofit partners.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan – Residents' Review of the City's Equity Initiatives - Planning for Implementation **(I)**

*Presented by:*

Monica Negrila, Human Services and Social Sustainability Coordinator

Paul Lwali, CEO, Friends of Youth, Right to Breathe Committee

Lauren Knox, Human Resources, City of Issaquah

NEGRILA provided an overview of the task on the Residents' Review of the City's Equity Initiatives. Paul LWALI, representing the Right to Breathe Committee on the Eastside, shared ideas and suggestions with Commissioners on conducting meaningful community engagement and on best ways to engage people of color. Lauren KNOX, member of the City's Equity team, provided a brief overview on the City's Equity initiatives.

Additional process and timeline conversations regarding this task will continue in an upcoming special meeting, or at the next Human Services Commission meeting. Next meeting details will be communicated via email and will be posted on the City's webpage.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No other business/announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.