

11-24-20 Human Services Commission Minutes

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CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission – Special Meeting

6:30 PM
 November 24, 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 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. 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, left meeting at 8:15pm
 Lucrecia Choto
 Patricia Sadate-Ngatchou

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services & Social
 Sustainability Coordinator
 Marisol Visser, Human Services Assistant
 Tina Eggers, City Clerk
 Sofia Stogioglou, Volunteer

Alternate:

Claire Hansen, Alternate
 Trish Bloor, Alternate
 Brooke Fraser, Youth Representative, left
 meeting at 8:15pm

Visitors:

Steve Pereira, Resident
 Paul Lwali, Right to Breathe Committee

CALL TO ORDER

FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual provided public comment:

Steve Pereira, resident, thanked the Commissioners for their service and encouraged the Commission to take a broader look at the Police accountability, and focus on increasing the role of human services in the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of October 27 2020

FRANKLIN invited the Commissioners to review the minutes of October 27, 2020. Two edits were proposed: BLOOR asked that the names of visitors be added to the minutes and LEONELLI identified a typo. JIMÉNEZ-INMAN moved to approve the minutes as amended. CHOTO seconded that the minutes for the October 27, 2020 meeting be approved as amended. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

NEGRILA reported that the City Council had adopted the 2021 Budget, which included the Human Services Commission's Grants recommendations. The next step in this process consists of establishing contract agreements with organizations to help implement the proposals they submitted.

The City Budget for 2021 also includes increases in Human Services staffing and capacity by adding two more positions to the Human Services functions.

AGENDA ITEMSa) **Open Government Training, (I)***Presented by:**Tina Eggers, City Clerk*

EGGERS provided an overview of the rules and regulations surrounding Public Records and the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), to help increase knowledge, decrease violations and risks, and help eliminate inadvertent violations. The presentation covered specific information regarding the open nature of the Commission's meetings, quorum, penalties in case of violations, code of ethics, decision making process, voting, and the roles of the chair and vice chair in facilitating the meetings.

b) **Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan - Residents' Review of the City's Equity Initiatives - Planning for Implementation, (D)***Presented by:**Paul Lwali, Right to Breathe Committee**Monica Negrila, Human Services & Social Sustainability Coordinator*

LWALI and NEGRILA continued the dialogue with the Commissioners on evaluating the residents' review of the City's Equity initiatives and reviewed the process and timeline for the upcoming community engagement.

The Commissioners brainstormed ways to further engage with diverse community members and build relationships, including identifying voices and community members currently not represented and not participating in community conversations.

To continue this work, NEGRILA invited Commissioners to help plan for the upcoming community convenings and proposed the formation of a small planning group to attend to the details in the upcoming months.

c) **FY 2021 Recovery Task Force Initiatives: Human Services Priorities, (D)***Presented by:**Derek Franklin, Chair*

Commissioners reviewed the Human Services Priorities identified in the previous meeting for the Mayor's Recovery Task Force and proposed adding Equity and Communication with diverse groups about COVID vaccinations to the previously identified priorities.

The priorities identified by the Commission will be presented to the Mayor's Recovery Task Force in January 2021 by the Commission's Chair and staff liaison.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business/announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.