

01-21-21 Human Services Commission Minutes

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CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission – Special Meeting

6:30 PM
 January 21, 2021

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:

Derek Franklin, Chair
 Manny Brown
 Lucrecia Choto
 Ana Jiménez-Inman
 Susan Leonelli
 Patricia Sadate-Ngatchou
 Rebekah Smith

Administrative Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
 Marisol Visser, Human Services Assistant
 Sofia Stogioglou, Volunteer

Guests:

Steve Pereira, Resident
 Unknown Name, Resident

Trish Bloor, Alternate
 Claire Hansen, Alternate
 Brooke Fraser, Youth Board Representative,
 joined at 7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two residents were in attendance, however no public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of Nov. 24, 2020
- b) Minutes of Dec. 1, 2020

FRANKLIN introduced the minutes of the Nov. 24, 2020 & Dec. 1, 2020 meetings. There being no proposed edits, HANSEN motioned to approve the minutes as presented. CHOTO seconded that the minutes for the Nov. 24, 2020 & Dec. 1, 2020 meeting be approved as presented. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CHAIR REPORT

- a) **Updates from the Mayor's Recovery Task Force, (I)**
Presented by:
 Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

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NEGRILA provided an overview of the Recovery Task Force meeting held on Thursday, January 14, 2021. In addition to the Human Services Commission, representatives from the Economic Vitality Commission, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, the Park Board, the Transportation Advisory Board, and the Youth Advisory Board were also present.

Each Board/Commission presented a list of proposed 2021 priorities. The priorities identified by Human Services Commissioners at the November 24, 2020 meeting were presented. Following presentations, the Recovery Task Force Member provided input on priorities. A summary of the recommendations will be presented to the City Council at the January 26, 2021 meeting.

STAFF REPORTa) **Updates from Mayor and City Council, (I)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA reported that the City formed a Vaccine Community Partnership to help coordinate local vaccinations efforts. The partnership includes Swedish Hospital, the Issaquah School District, Eastside Fire Rescue, the Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, and City Staff.

NEGRILA also informed Commissioners of the upcoming City Council Study sessions that will include updates from the Human Services Division:

- January 26, 2021 - updates on Human Services work
- February 23, 2021 -updates on the Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan

b) **Other Community & Human Services Updates, (I)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA shared an update from the community partners at the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank who have implemented the Outreach and Case Management services for persons experiencing homelessness in Issaquah. The new Outreach Specialist, Mike Mathias, started working at the beginning of January.

NEGRILA also provided an update regarding recruitment of two human services positions. Both positions are new in 2021 and have been approved by City Council as part of the 2021 Budget.

AGENDA ITEMSa) **Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan – Residents' Review of the City's Equity Initiatives:****Community Engagement - Planning Group Updates, (D)**

Presented by:

Commissioners Manny Brown, Lucrecia Choto, and Trish Bloor

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

Commissioners engaged in a discussion on the progress made on the planning for the Community Convenings, including Focus Groups currently in process. NEGRILA informed the Commissioners that the City's Equity Consultant will be available to facilitate the Community Engagement process in the upcoming weeks.

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b) **Discuss 2021 Workplan and Meetings Schedule, (D)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA stated that the dates for upcoming regular meetings will have to be changed as they collide with City Council meetings. The next Human services Commission meeting date was adjusted, and the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Feb 25th at 6:30pm.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business/announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.