

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission – Special Meeting

6:30 PM
 February 25, 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

Trish Bloor, Alternate

Claire Hansen, Alternate

Brooke Fraser, Youth Board Representative

Administrative Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

Marisol Visser, Human Services Assistant

Sofia Stogioglou, Volunteer

Guests:

Marian Paylo, Resident

Bree Carie, Resident

Paul Lwali, Right to Breathe

Niesha Fort-Brooks, City of Tukwila

Preeti Shridhar, City of Renton

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) a) Minutes of Jan. 21, 2021
- b) Minutes of Jan. 28, 2021
- c) Minutes of Feb. 4, 2021

FRANKLIN invited commissioners to review the minutes of the Jan,21, Jan. 28 & Feb 4th, 2021 meetings. INMAN proposed an edit, to the Jan. 21 meeting minutes: to add the name of the City's Equity Consultant for clarification.

HANSEN moved to approve the minutes of Jan 21 with the proposed edit and the Jan 28 & Feb. 4th as presented. CHOTO seconded that the minutes of Jan 21 with proposed edit and the Jan 28 & Feb. 4th be approved as presented. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

STAFF REPORT

- a) **Updates from Mayor and City Council, (I)**
Presented by:
 Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

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NEGRILA reported that on February 16, City Council approved an additional \$45,000 towards emergency housing/shelter for the next 90 days, to support the Homeless Outreach efforts.

NEGRILA also shared that at the February 23, 2021 City Council Study Session, an update on the Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan was provided.

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

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA shared about the collaboration with the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank during the days with extremely low temperatures, that helped get people off the streets and into emergency housing/shelters/motels for 4-5 nights. A total of 21 community members from Issaquah were off the streets during this time and received other support services.

NEGRILA also shared that the annual recruitment period for Boards and Commissions is now open. Applications are due on February 28, 2021. Following the recruitment period, applicants will be interviewed, and recommendations made to the Mayor, who will appoint new Commissioners. The appointments will be approved by City Council in April.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan – Residents’ Review of the City’s Equity Initiatives (D)**

-Community Engagement Follow Up

-Reviewing Initiatives from other Jurisdictions

Presented by:

Commissioners Manny Brown, Lucrecia Choto, and Trish Bloor

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA provided a summary from the Community engagement conducted over the last couple of months and similar work done in other local jurisdictions. Guests from the other local jurisdictions provided a summary of the related efforts related to Equity, Diversity and Social Justice. Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions regarding the creation of a Board/Commission on Equity.

b) **Next Steps & Meeting Schedule, (D)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA shared the next steps the Commission still needed to take to finalize the task related to the resident’s review of the City’s Equity initiatives:

- Finalize structure and role of Equity Board/Commission.
- Decide upon the role of the Human Services Commission.
- Frame Recommendations to Mayor and City Council.

Commissioners engaged in a discussion regarding next steps and decided to add an extra meeting on March 11, 2021 to continue the work.

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OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business/announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.