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

6:00 PM  
 March, 11 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 (excused absence)

*Administrative Staff:*

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

*Visitors:*

Paul Lwali, Right to Breathe Committee

Trish Bloor, Alternate (left early, at 7:30 pm, excused)  
 Claire Hansen, Alternate  
 Brooke Fraser, Youth Board Representative

**CALL TO ORDER**

FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public attendance, no public comments were made.

**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:  
*Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager*

NEGRILA provided an overview and summary of the work completed so far on this topic.

Commissioners discussed options and worked on recommendations regarding the creation of a new equity board/commission to include:

- Scope and role of Equity Board/Commission.
- Membership
- Title

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Draft recommendations were outlined, and final recommendations will be discussed and decided upon at the next meeting.

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

Commissioners engaged in conversation regarding the next meeting and decided to move the meeting date from March 23 to March 25, to allow for interested Commissioners to attend/view the Council Study Session scheduled for March 23.

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner HANSEN asked about options to approach City Council regarding the topic of the School Resource Officers and the role of the Human Services Commission. This was a follow-up note from a previous comment made by Paul Lwali of Right to Breathe who suggested that the newly formed equity board/commission should have a role in the decision-making process regarding the role of School Resource Officers.

While this is not a task assigned to the Human Services Commission, Commissioners were informed that they could approach City Council as individual residents and provide feedback in that capacity, or that they could have a discussion as a group and decide whether a position could be taken by the entire Commission. A proposal was made to add this topic to the next meeting agenda and further discuss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.