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CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission – Special Meeting

6:00 PM
 March 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

Administrative Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
 Sofia Stogioglou, Volunteer (left early,
 7:00pm)

Visitors:

Bree Carrie, Resident

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

CALL TO ORDER

FRANKLIN called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of Feb 25, 2021
- b) Minutes of March 11, 2021

FRANKLIN invited Commissioners to review the minutes of the Feb. 25th, & March 11th, 2021 meetings. HANSEN proposed an edit to the March 11th meeting minutes: to correct the name of the Commissioner in the Other Business/Announcement section.

CHOTO moved to approve the minutes of Feb 25th and March 11th with the proposed edit. HANSEN seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

NEGRILA provided a summary of the recent items on the City Council's agenda, which included an Equity Training and a discussion regarding potential Covid-19 relief funding for non-profit operations. In addition, NEGRILA provided an update regarding the City's hiring progress for human services staff, and an update regarding recruitment for members of the Human Services Commission. New Human Services staff are scheduled to start their positions in April 2021, and new Commissioners are anticipated to begin their terms at the Human Services Commission in May 2021.

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AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan – Residents’ role in the City’s Equity Initiatives: Review and Approve Recommendations, (A)**

Commissioners reviewed and discussed final details regarding the proposed recommendations for an Equity Oversight Board, to include the following:

- Scope and role
- Membership
- Title

LEONELLI moved to approve the recommendation of an Equity Oversight Board to the Mayor and City Council, to include the discussed and recorded scope, role, membership, and title. CHOTO seconded. The Commission approved the recommendation of an Equity Oversight Board unanimously.

- b) **Memorandum of Understanding related to School Resource Officers: Discuss Community Outreach, (I)**

Commissioner CHOTO asked about options to approach City Council to ensure community conversations are held regarding the use of Police as School Resource Officers. NEGRILA provided an update to Commissioners regarding City planned efforts to collaborate with the School District on organizing community conversations and ensure that communities of color are represented in this process.

FRANKLIN proposed that a public statement be made by the Commission regarding the importance of having community conversations prior to a decision on this community topic. Commissioner BROWN moved that the public statement be made. SADATE-NGATCHOU seconded. The Human Services Commission decided unanimously to make the following public statement:

The Human Services Commission recognizes and supports the current efforts to pause and hear Community feedback, especially from the BIPOC community, before the City Council takes a decision on the Memorandum of Understanding regarding School Resource Officers.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner BROWN led the Commission in a moment of silence to reflect upon the victims of the recent attacks and hate crimes against the Asian - American communities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.