

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:00 PM
 June 23, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Susan Leonelli, Chair
 Patricia Sadate-Ngatchou, Vice Chair
 Lucrecia Choto
 Manny Brown
 Sarah Soriano
 Trish Bloor
 Claire Hansen

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
 Hannah Roberts, Human Services
 Coordinator
 Amir Shabaneh, Behavioral Health
 Coordinator
 Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services
 Director

Ana Jiménez-Inman, Alternate, (*joined at 6:11 pm*)

CALL TO ORDER

LEONELLI called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

During Public Comments, there was one community members in attendance, Bree Terry. No public comments were made. NEGRILA shared comments from Debbie Lacey with Eastside for All who was not in attendance but requested her feedback to be shared with the commissioners. Her comments were in support of the Equity Board and addressed concerns with the broadness of the scope of work, the quantity of work for a volunteer board and stipends not being adequate. At 6:34 pm another community member joined, Paul Lwali. No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of May 26, 2021

LEONELLI introduced the minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting. There being no proposed edits, HANSEN moved to approve the minutes as presented. BROWN seconded that the minutes for the May 26, 2021 meeting to be approved as presented. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Issaquah Police Accountability, Equity and Human Services Action Plan – Equity Board Update, Review and Approve Recommendations, (A)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA presented Draft Equity Board Ordinance to the commissioners for review, deliberation, and vote to approve recommendations. The purpose of the draft ordinance was to help define the scope of work for an Equity Board and address the feedback obtained from City Council. Each section in the Draft Ordinance was reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners. The changes that were determined include:

- Add a whereas after the first whereas about George Floyd's death that includes information specific to Issaquah. Language can include historical information about Issaquah's past in diversity, where the city is presently and where the future goal is on diversity and equity.
- Lower age requirement for student representative from 16 to 14 to be more inclusive
- Need to make a stronger emphasis on BIPOC expertise requirement for membership
- Add language to clarify workflow and how the work-plan will be determined

CHOTO moved to approve the draft ordinance to propose an equity board to City Council with the proposed amendments. BLOOR seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Next steps will be to have NEGRILA, CHOTO, BROWN and HANSEN present Draft Ordinance at the July 13 Council Meeting 6:30 pm.

b) **Human Services Commission - Updating Rules and Regulations, (A)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA presented amending Human Services Commission Rules and Regulations to change the start time from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The change was proposed to help facilitate attendance for some commissioners. There was unanimous consent to change the bylaws to the start time 6:30 pm. Bylaws will be updated.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROBERTS announced the Issaquah Community Center will be open as a public cooling center 6/25/2021 and Sunday 06/26/2021 in response to hazardous temperatures over the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.