

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission Special Meeting

6:30 PM
 September 15, 2022

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
 SE, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Manny Brown
 Jaime Fajardo *arrived 6:56 pm*
 Patricia Sadate-Ngatchou *excused absence*
 Trish Bloor
 Jayme Longoria
 Maury Edwards
 Kiran Singh *unexcused absence*
 Madeleine Fish

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
 Hannah Roberts, Human Services
 Coordinator
 Elina Pan, Human Services Student Intern

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME MAYOR PAULY

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JENNIFER COOMES, Executive Director of Essence Health and Research made a public comment regarding her organization and asked the Commission to reconsider human services funding as part of the 2023-2024 Human Services Grants, to include Essence Health and Research.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) **2023-2024 Human Services Grants - Process Review & Feedback**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA presented the 2023-2024 Human Services Grant recommendations and invited MAYOR PAULY to lead a discussion about the process and feedback. MAYOR PAULY thanked the commissioners for their hard work and dedication. Commissioners highlighted the positive aspects of the process, which included equity trainings, having the Human Services Strategic Plan as a guide, application questionnaire providing in depth details about the organizations, measurable goals, and feedback for applicants who were not recommended for funding. Commissioners expressed the challenges of the process to be the overall difficulty of choosing which organizations to fund due to the overwhelming number of organizations, all of which provide great services, not being involved in all subgroups, and lack of knowledge of county/state funding of applicant organizations. Commissioners recommended for next cycle to compare overall plans and information from other cities, encouraging specific types of needed programs such as childcare, and exploring grant funding for Issaquah School District before-and-after-school program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of August 17, 2022, meeting.

BLOOR introduced the minutes of the August 17, 2022, meeting. FISH motioned the approval of the minutes and EDWARDS seconded the motion. There being no proposed edits, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

STAFF REPORTa) **Updates from Mayor & City Council**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA updated the commission on upcoming Regular City Council meeting on Monday September 19th where the mayor will present the 2023-2024 budget.

Other Human Services Updates

Presented by:

Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator

ROBERTS updated the commission on events such as, Welcoming Week and the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Event on the 17th of September.

AGENDA ITEMSa) **Year to Date Review & 2023 Work Plan Development**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA and ROBERTS reviewed the 2022 Work Plan and strategic plan. NEGRILA reported on progress in the Behavioral Health and Homeless Outreach program and Rental Assistance Program. NEGRILA suggested that Commissioners begin site-visits 2023 to city-funded organizations.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners discussed taking a recess during December and potentially November of 2022.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 19, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.