

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:30 PM
 January 18th, 2022

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Jaime Fajardo, absent excused
 Patricia Sadate-Ngatchou
 Trish Bloor
 Kiran Singh, absent unexcused
 Manny Brown

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
 Tisha Gieser, City Clerk
 Elina Pan, Volunteer-Intern

Maury Edwards, Alternate
 Madeline Fish, Alternate
 Preston Miele, Youth Advisory Board
 Representative

CALL TO ORDER

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of October 19, 2022.

BLOOR introduced the minutes of the October 19, 2022, meeting. EDWARDS motioned and FISH seconded. There being no proposed edits, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Virtual Attendance Policy, (I)**

Presented by:
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

GIESER reviewed the Open Public Meetings Act regarding virtual meetings and summarized feedback received from members from other City boards and commissions on virtual participation. GIESER introduced a draft policy on virtual attendance to the Human Services Commission and asked for commissioners' input. Commissioners provided feedback on the proposed draft. Plans were made for the City Clerk to incorporate suggestions received and return to the next Human Services Commission for adoption.

- b) **2022 Human Services Grants - Report, (I)**

Presented by:
Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA introduced a report regarding 2021-2022 Human Services Grants and contract process with organizations. NEGRILA stated concerns over equity within select pooled contracts for grant-receiving organizations. Commissioners provided feedback on the positive and negative effects of continuing pooled contracts for select organizations.

c) **2023 Human Services Commission Workplan - Update, (I)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA introduced Board member interaction and visits with funded organizations within the upcoming months. NEGRILA reintroduced previous conversations on avoiding bias with visited organizations and maintaining equitable relations with both new and returning organizations. Commissioners provided feedback on visitation process.

REPORTS

a) **Chair Report, (I)**

Presented by:

Trish Bloor, Human Services Commission Chair

BLOOR introduced outreach for the Voice Mentor program within the Issaquah School District and encouraged Commissioners to consider volunteering and becoming a mentor for youth in the district.

b) **Youth Report, (I)**

Presented by:

Preston Miele, Youth Advisory Board Representative

MIELE introduced the Youth Advisory Board's (YAB) upcoming State of Mind Conference on March 18th and virtual Environmental Conference on March 25th. MIELE introduced YAB's Civic engagement event with an opportunity for students to meet the mayor on February 2nd.

b) **Staff Report, (I)**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA introduced the city's upcoming recruitment for boards members and reapplication process for returning members.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

INQUIRIES

Please contact Monica Negrila at (425) 837-3416 or monican@issaquahwa.gov.

Note: Times listed for meeting topics are approximate and items are subject to change.

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(A) Action, (D) Discussion, (I) Information