

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:30 PM
 March 15, 2023

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
 Sunset Way, Issaquah, WA

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Human Services Commissioners:

Manny Brown
 Jaime Fajardo
 Patricia Sadate-Ngatchou
 Trish Bloor
 Maury Edwards, Alternate
 Madeline Fish, Alternate

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negri-la, Human Services Manager
 Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator
 Amir Shabaneh, Behavioral Health Coordinator
 Caelann Wood, Behavioral Health Coordinator
 Marisol Visser, Human Services & Community Court
 Assistant
 Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

Equity Board Members:

Alisa Stewart
 Christina Abonce, Absent
 Hellen Kibenge, Absent
 Lorna Gilmour, Absent
 Lucrecia Choto
 Ray Manahan
 Shalanda Fleming
 Tony Curry
 Kelly Munn, Alternate
 Priti Mody-Pan, Alternate

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

Please note, this agenda also serves as the special meeting notice pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.

This a joint meeting between the Human Services Commission and Equity Board.

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CALL TO ORDER

a) **Welcome and Introductions**

Presented by:

Monica Negri-la, Human Services Manager

Human Services Chair, Trish Bloor, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. NEGRILA welcomed the Equity Board and Human Services Commissioners for the joint special meeting and took a moment to address the local shooting at Motel 6 in Issaquah that transpired that morning.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public members were in attendance, but no public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Issaquah Transit Study: Overview, (I)

Presented by:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

VALDRIZ presented on future transit investments, transit study timeline, and options for Human Services and Equity Board involvement. VALDRIZ introduced upcoming events in which Board Members/Commissioners could provide feedback, including Community Open House, Interactive Web Map, and Transit Study Survey. MANAHAN and EDWARDS commented on locational and marginalized access to newer public transit opportunities. CHOTO commented on transit buses' lack of occupancy and relation to fare prices. BROWN commented on light rail construction, expressing concern that marginalized neighborhoods would be put at risk. MODY-PAN commented presented deliverables regarding transit-dependent individuals and underserved communities. SADATE-NGATCHOU commented on the possibility of introducing local routes with focus on transit for kids.

b) Human Services Strategic Plan: Overview and Update, (I)

Presented by:

Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator

ROBERTS reviewed the Human Services Strategic Plan focus areas and objectives. ROBERTS shared highlights and challenges of the first year of implementation of the strategic plan.

c) Behavioral Health and Homeless Outreach Program: Overview and Update, (I)

Presented by:

Amir Shabaneh, Behavioral Health Coordinator

Caelann Wood, Behavioral Health Coordinator

SHABANEH and WOOD reviewed the Behavioral Health and Homeless Outreach Program, timeline, support services offered through the program, highlights and challenges such as transportation, technology, and time. Commissioners and Board members discussed referrals, community access, funding, active capacity, and program relation to Issaquah's Police Department.

d) Community Court & Cultural Events: Overview and Update, (I)

Presented by:

Marisol Visser, Human Services Assistant & Community Court Case Manager

VISSER introduced Community Court, a non-traditional approach to low-level offenses, and the Virtual Resource Center by Issaquah Municipal Community Court and Renton Municipal Community Court (IMCC and RMCC). VISSER reviewed successes and challenges that the court has faced.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners and Board members engaged in discussion regarding personal experience while serving.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM. The next regular Human Services Commission meeting is currently scheduled for April 19th, 2023.