

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:30 PM
May 17, 2023

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
SE, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Huma Mohibullah
Madeline Fish *Excused absence*
Trish Bloor
Manny Brown
Maury Edwards *Excused absence*
Jaime Fajardo
Keena Esemuede (*virtual*)
Rucker Alex, Alternate
Preston Miele, Youth Representative

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
Hannah Roberts, Human Services
Coordinator
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk
Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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CALL TO ORDER

- a) Welcome New Commissioners
BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and welcomed the new Human Services Commissioners and did introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Victor Bello, Issaquah resident, made a public comment in person to emphasize the importance of services provided to those suffering from homelessness, and shared their experiences and hopes regarding future housing programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of April 19, 2023
BLOOR introduced the minutes of the April 19, 2023, meeting. BROWN motioned approval of the minutes and FAJARDO seconded. There being no proposed edits, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMSa) **Virtual Attendance Policy: Follow Up, (D)***Presented by:**Mayor Mary Lou Pauly**Tisha Gieser, City Clerk*

Mayor PAULY thanked commissioners for their service and briefly reviewed hybrid meeting options. Mayor PAULY expressed support for hybrid meetings and choices between online and physical attendance. Commissioners engaged in discussion involving in-person versus online meetings. GIESER opened a discussion with commissioners regarding potential attendance and quorum policy. Commissioners displayed preference for limited requirements on attendance and physical quorum, similar to those of the Equity Board.

b) **Open Public Meeting Act: OPMA Training, (I)***Presented by:**Tisha Gieser, City Clerk*

GIESER briefed commissioners on the requirements of Washington State's Sunshine Laws and the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA). GIESER reviewed OPMA and the Public Records Act (PRA) with both new and returning commissioners.

REPORTSa) **Youth Report, (I)***Presented by:**Preston Miele, Youth Advisory Board Representative*

MIELE reported on the recent activities and upcoming events of the Youth Advisory Board including the upcoming Issy Kids Triathlon.

b) **Staff Report, (I)***Presented by:**Monica Negrila, Human Services Coordinator**Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator*

NEGRILA updated the commission on updates from the City Council including funding reallocation to internal use of the new Pilot Emergency Housing program. NEGRILA informed the commission on an upcoming meeting in June with the City Council regarding an increase in staffing within the Behavioral Health Program and Motel 6 lease.

ROBERTS updated the Commission on upcoming events including a Juneteenth event in collaboration with the Issaquah School District (ISD) and the Issaquah Equity Board.

ROBERTS also informed the commission about upcoming site visits. ROBERTS introduced potentially taking a recess in August.

Election of Chair/Vice Chaira) **Chair and Vice Chair Selection, (A)***Presented by:**Trish Bloor, Human Services Commissioner Chair*

BROWN re-nominated BLOOR for Human Services Commissioner Chair. FAJARDO seconded the motion. BLOOR accepted the Human Services Commissioner Chair position. BROWN nominated FAJARDO for Human Services Commissioner Vice-Chair. BLOOR seconded the motion. FAJARDO accepted the Human Services Commissioner Vice-Chair position.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners expressed concern with the date of the upcoming commission meeting clashing with an upcoming music festival and potentially moving the meeting date but confirmed to maintain the regular meeting as scheduled.

BROWN expressed interest in the possibility of creating a position or opportunity in which a youth representative could shadow and take a larger role within the commission. Commissioners will have future discussions about the bylaws of the youth representative position to be considered a regular position.

NEGRILA updated the commission on the staff liaison role and the transition from NEGRILA as staff liaison to ROBERTS.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 21, 2023.