

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**Human Services Commission**

6:30 PM  
September 20, 2023

**MINUTES**

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.  
SE, Issaquah

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Commissioners:*

Huma Mohibullah  
Madeline Fish (*virtual attendee*)  
Trish Bloor  
Manny Brown  
Maury Edwards  
Jaime Fajardo (late 6:36)  
Keena Esemuede (absent)

*Administration/Staff:*

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager  
Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator  
Valerie Porter, Associate Planner  
Stephen Padua, Long Range Planning Manager  
Preston Miele, Youth Representative  
Elina Pan, Student Intern

Rucker Alex, Alternate  
Vacant, Alternate

**CALL TO ORDER**

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update (I)**

*Presented by:*  
*Valerie Porter, Associate Planner*

PORTER reviewed the purpose and comprehensive plan of the Community Planning and Development Department (CPD). PORTER informed the commission of the CPD department goals: compliance, coordination, design & access and discussed the details of the CPD functional plan. Commissioners discussed the policies of the CPD with PORTER and PADUA.

- b) **Human Services Division Update (I)**

*Presented by:*  
*Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager*

NEGRILA provided a brief review on the history and roles of the Human Services Division. NEGRILA discussed the staff expansion of the Behavioral Health and Homeless Outreach programs. Commissioners discussed the growing role of the program and the level of intervention offered. NEGRILA introduced the Sample Service Model used within the Emergency Housing Project at Motel 6 and commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

## REPORTS

a) **Chair and Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner ALEX updated the commission on a recent Eastside Welcome Week Event, Bridging the Gap: Addressing Housing Disparities in East King County. Commissioner FISH shared brief details of their recent visit to the Issaquah Schools Foundation.

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

*Presented by:*

*Preston Miele, Youth Advisory Board Representative*

MIELE reported on the recent Youth Advisory Board meetings (YAB). Upcoming events include, a Racism Conference, Interactive State of Mind Event, and College and Career Fair.

c) **Staff Report, (I)**

*Presented by:*

*Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator*

ROBERTS updated the commission on upcoming city council meeting being attended by NEGRILA, to provide an update on emergency rental assistance and behavioral health and homeless outreach information. ROBERTS shared an update on the Welcoming Week events and an upcoming Spanish Heritage Event at the senior center.

## OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners discussed the new artwork on Rainier Trail.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 18, 2023.