

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:30 PM
 November 15, 2023

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
 SE, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Manny Brown
 Jaime Fajardo, *absent*
 Madeline Fish
 Trish Bloor
 Maury Edwards
 Huma Mohibullah, *excused absence*
 Keena Esemuede
 Rucker Alex, Alternate, *virtual presence*

Administration/Staff:

Hannah Roberts, Human Services
 Coordinator
 Elina Pan, Student Intern
 Kayla Hodges, Human Services Intern

CALL TO ORDER

- a) Commissioner Membership

BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public attendance or comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of October 18th, 2023.
 BLOOR introduced the minutes of October 18, 2023. FISH motioned to approve the minutes of October 18, 2023. MOHIBULLAH seconded the motion. There being no proposed edits, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Culture-Specific Human Services Organizations Presentations (I)
Presented by:
Faye Chien, Kin On Health Care Center - Director of Community Wellness and Social Services
Laura Ni, Issaquah Schools Foundation - Cultural Bridges Lead Editor
Lalita Uppala, Indian American Community Services - Executive Director
Nicky Sheriff, MAPS-MCRC - Founder and CEO

CHIEN introduced the Kin On Continuum of Care, emphasizing their vision to create healthy living programs and resources for Asian seniors. CHIEN reviewed the various community events and offerings that Kin On organizes.

NI introduced Cultural Bridges, detailing the expansion of language inclusivity throughout the program's history. NI reviewed the publications, outreach, and services that Cultural Bridges offers. Commissioners asked questions regarding funding, resident data, administration, etc.

UPPALA introduced Indian American Community Services (IACS), outlining participation and offered support services. UPPALA discussed the IACS Crisis Services and commissioners asked questions regarding general services.

SHERIFF introduced the Muslim Community Resource Center (MCRC) and their programs and services found in Redmond. SHERIFF discussed MCRC's food programs, housing services, community health and legal clinics, emergency/disaster relief, and more.

b) **Human Services Grants - Quarterly Report (I)**

Presented by:

Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator

ROBERTS introduced the Human Services Grants Quarterly Report. ROBERTS reviewed Quarter 3 performance, focusing on service goals met and highlighting achievements.

REPORTS

a) **Chair and Commissioner Reports**

There were no chair and commissioner reports.

b) **Staff Report**

Commissioners discussed the City Day of the Dead event.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Services Commission will recess in December, no meeting on December 20th, 2023. The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 17th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.