

02-21-24 Human Services Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission**

6:30 PM
February 21, 2024

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
SE, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Manny Brown
Jaime Fajardo
Madeline Fish
Trish Bloor
Maury Edwards, *excused absence*
Huma Mohibullah
Keena Esemuede
Rucker Alex
Preston Miele, YAB, *excused absence*

Administration/Staff:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
Kayla Hodges, Human Services Intern

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CALL TO ORDER

- a) BLOOR called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Administration from St. Vincent De Paul Sammamish expressed intentions to request grant assistance from the City of Issaquah. They also shared background on Sammamish’s current funding status and need to request further grant assistance from the city of Issaquah to better support Issaquah residents in the upcoming funding year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of January 24, 2024.

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BLOOR introduced the minutes of January 24, 2024. BROWN motioned to approve the minutes of November 15, 2023. MOHIBULLAH seconded the motion. There being no proposed edits, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMSa) **Human Services Division Introductions & Updates**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA introduced new staff and updated commissioners on additional funding being approved from City Council for the Behavioral Health and Outreach team. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the Behavioral Health and Outreach response team. NEGRILA updated the commission on progress within the Emergency Housing program and intentions to begin planning for community and City Council conversations regarding long-term housing funding in the coming year. Commissioners discussed the staffing and breakdown of services within the program.

b) **2023 Human Services Grants Annual Report**

Presented by:

Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager

NEGRILA discussed the upcoming grant cycle coming up and the role of commissioners. NEGRILA introduced an overview on the previous funding cycle for 2023-2024 including annual award amount, service providers, and estimated residents impacted. The overview included updates on funding by priority area, annual performance of grantees, and highlights from the past funding year. Commissioners discussed next steps and provided positive feedback on the highlights included in the overview.

REPORTSa) **Chair and Commissioner Reports**

No Chair or Commissioner report.

b) **Youth Report**

MIELE presented updated from the Youth Advisory Board with upcoming events and focus. MIELE will share flyers and additional information to staff to share the information.

c) **Staff Report**

NEGRILA updated commissioners on the newly opened application for board positions. Commissioners also discussed a March 25th Equity Training joint workshop with other commissions. NEGRILA shared interest in a hybrid option and will update commissioners with options. Black History Month will be celebrated in partnership with Onyx Art Gallery on February 24-25 at the community center.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no other business or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 20, 2024.