

07-17-24 Human Services Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission**

6:30 PM
July 17, 2024

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
SE, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Jaime Fajardo, Chair
Trish Bloor
Manny Brown
Maury Edwards *absent, excused*
Madeline Fish
Huma Mohibullah, virtual
Lucrecia Choto, virtual

Administration/Staff:

Hannah Roberts, Human Services
Coordinator
Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager
Kyle Micklich, Behavioral Health Coordinator
Elina Pan, Student Intern

CALL TO ORDER

- a) FAJARDO called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of May 15, 2024.
FAJARDO introduced the minutes of May 15, 2024. FISH motioned to approve the minutes of May 15, 2024. BLOOR seconded the motion. There being no proposed edits, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Election of Vice Chair (A)**
Presented by:
Jaime Fajardo, Human Services Commission Chair

ROBERTS introduced the nominations for Vice Chair. MOHIBULLAH stepped down from their nomination for Vice Chair. FISH seconded the nomination for BROWN as Vice Chair. There being unanimous consent, BROWN was approved as Vice Chair.

- b) **2025-2026 Human Services Grants Subgroup Draft Recommendation & Report Out (D)**
Presented by:
Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator

ROBERTS thanked the commissioners for their work reviewing grant applications and summarized total grant requests across priority areas. Subgroups shared the highlights and challenged of the process, defined subgroup categories, and reported overall on their experience and results. BROWN reported on decisions made to sustain and connect residents to needed community resources within their subgroup. FAJARDO and CHOTO reported on vital resources and moments in their subgroup process determining recommended programs

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regarding physical and behavioral health. BLOOR and MOHIBULLAH reported on their overall experience during their subgroup and the intersection of culture specific & language access across priority areas. NEGRILA provided additional information on the funding cycle regarding the housing continuum. FISH reported on their utilization of the city's strategic plan during their subgroup process as well as navigating the possibility of additional funds. Commissioners discussed challenges as well as insights into the grant process. Commissioners discussed and decided to continue subgroup deliberation and meet for regular Human Services Commission meeting on August 21 to vote on draft recommendations and make a formal decision or meet August 5 to discuss possible changes and considerations.

REPORTSa) **Chair and Commissioner Reports**

No Chair or Commissioner report.

b) **Youth Report**

No Youth report.

c) **Staff Report**

ROBERTS updated commissioners that City Council will be in recess in August and updated them on upcoming Human Services Commission events such as the Chalk Art Festival and Resource Fair, as well as the Welcoming Week event with community partners. NEGRILA updated commissioners on the pending status of the emergency housing program with Motel 6, as well as next steps for the program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 21, 2024.