CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:30 PM
May 21, 2025

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave. SE, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:
Jaime Fajardo, *Chair*
Manny Brown, *Vice Chair*
Maury Edwards, *virtual attendance*
Madeline Fish
Huma Mohibullah, *virtual attendance*
Jaydianette Ramirez
Ray Manahan
Trish Bloor
Beau Pulliam, *excused absence*
Preston Miele, *youth representative, excused absence*

Administration/Staff:
Hannah Roberts, Human Services Coordinator

Guest Speakers:
Klorida Miraj, Eat Happy Now
Sharmila Rathinam, Eat Happy Now
Ron Zanco, SVDP Mary Queen of Peace
Bert Sewell, SVDP Mary Queen of Peace

CALL TO ORDER

Introductions and Welcome New Human Services Commissioners.

Commissioner Chair FAJARDO called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and welcomed new commissioners in attendance with introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of April 16, 2025.

FAJARDO introduced the minutes of April 16, 2025. Commissioner BLOOR motioned to approve the minutes of April 16, 2025 as presented. Commissioner FISH seconded the motion, there was unanimous consent to approve the minutes as presented.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **St. Vincent de Paul, Mary Queen of Peace: Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation**
Presented by:
Ron Zanco and Bert Sewell, Mary Queen of Peace Parish

Ron and Bert presented in person about the history, impact and Issaquah specific data and information about St Vincent de Paul Mary Queen of Peace. This is a newly funded Human Services program that provided information on the scope of need and financial assistance provided for rental and utility assistance.

b) **Domestic Violence Survivors: Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation**
Presented by:
Jayme Longoria, Executive Director

Unable to attend, no presentation.

Eat Happy Now: Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation
Presented by:
Klorida Miraj, COO
Sharmila Rathinam, Founder/Executive Director

Klorida presented in person and Sharmila presented virtually sharing the history, impact and Issaquah specific data and information about Eat Happy Now. Eat Happy Now is a newly funded Human Services program focused on reducing food waste and hunger by rescuing healthy, surplus food from businesses and delivering it to food-insecure individuals through a network of non-profit partners.

REPORTS

a) **Chair and Commissioner Reports**

Commissioners discussed the May Asian American Pacific Heritage Month hosted by The Circle event and the ARCH citizen advisory board event.

b) **Youth Report**

Youth representative not in attendance, reported to staff the youth advisory board is working on the student triathlon.

c) **Staff Report**

ROBERTS shared about upcoming events, The Community Closet Clothing Drive and Pride Month by Garage students.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 18, 2025.