

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission**

6:30 PM
July 16, 2025

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
SE, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Jaime Fajardo, Chair
Manny Brown, Vice Chair
Maury Edwards, *excused absence*
Madeline Fish
Huma Mohibullah, *excused absence*
Jaydianette Ramirez
Ray Manahan

Administration/Staff:

Hannah Roberts, Senior Human Services
Coordinator

Guest Speaker:

Jennifer Kirk, Reclaim Executive Director

Beau Pulliam, Alternate, *excused absence*
Trish Bloor, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Chair FAJARDO called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of June 18, 2025.

FAJARDO introduced the minutes of June 18, 2025. Commissioner BROWN motioned to approve the minutes of June 18, 2025 as presented. Commissioner FISH seconded the motion, there was unanimous consent to approve the minutes as presented.

AGENDA ITEMS

- b) **Pride Across the Bridge: Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation (I)**

Presented by:

Axton Burton (they/them), Executive Director

Pride Across the Bridge was unable to attend due to illness and will reschedule their presentation.

Reclaim: Human Services Non-Profit Organization Presentation (I)

Presented by:

Jennifer Kirk (she/her), Executive Director

Jennifer Kirk Executive Director from Reclaim provided a presentation the overview of Reclaims services, service audience and area, mission and vision, history of the organization and community impact. Jen provided pictures of the new building, The Front Door where services are provided. Main services are motel sheltering, clothing and household donations, housing navigation, benefits navigation services and emergency sheltering.

- a) **Election of Chair and Vice Chair (A)**

Presented by:

Jaime Fajardo, Human Services Commission Chair

Commissioners discussed the role of the chair and vice chair. FAJARDO and BROWN confirmed they would like to continue another year in the role and no other commissioners expressed interest in the position. Commissioner FISH nominated Commissioner Jaime Fajardo as Human Services Chair and Commissioner Manny Brown as vice chair, there was unanimous consent for Commissioner FAJARDO and BROWN to resume roles as chair and vice chairs.

REPORTS

a) Chair and Commissioner Reports

BLOOR reported about her visit with Alicia Spinner, Executive Director of The Circle. BLOOR reported that the Circle has 9 Issaquah residents who were detained by ICE are being supported by The Circle and 1 resident deported.

b) Youth Report

No youth report.

c) Staff Report

ROBERTS provided an update on Human Services successful event Community Closet with free clothing to our community. Upcoming events reported include Issaquah Culture Fest on September 5 that will be a free family friendly event at the Issaquah Community Center to celebrate our culture diversity, and The Circle will host a Hispanic Heritage Month event at the Pickering Barn on September 21.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROBERTS checked in with commissioners about an eastside human services commission equity training prior to reviewing 2027-2028 human services grants application. Commissioners agreed to participate in a joint eastside human services commission equity training and stated the need and had preference for the following:

- Assignment prior to the training that allows for self-reflection, evaluation and understanding of where their current knowledge and understanding of equity is
- For the training to be online or to be properly prepared for virtual attendees, and for the training to give enough time for intentional conversations and deliberations, and to include information that will prepare them to review the applications
- To provide post questions for each commission to have follow up dialogue and intentional training within Issaquah.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Human Services Commission will recess in August. The next meeting is currently scheduled for September 17, 2025.