

01-07-26 Human Services Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission**

6:00 PM
January 7, 2026

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
SE, Issaquah

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Human Services Commission members:

Manny Brown
Maury Edwards (virtual attendee)
Jaime Fajardo
Madeline Fish
Huma Mohibullah (excused absence)
Jaydianette Ramirez
Ray Manahan (virtual attendee)
Trish Bloor – Alternate (virtual attendee)
Preston Miele (excused absence)

Administration/Staff:

Hannah Roberts, Senior Human Services
Coordinator
Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City
Administrator
Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation
Planner

Equity Board members:

Lesley Millender-Irwin, Chair
Karthik Kashinath, Vice-Chair (virtual
attendee)
Heather Youngs (excused absence)
Priti Mody-Pan
Varnika Dokka
Lorna Gilmour
Chris Ziade (virtual attendee)
Oscar Montano (excused absence)
Quan Palmer (excused absence)
Kelly Munn - Alternate
Nisha Nair – Alternate (excused absence)
Kunal Srivastava* - Alternate (virtual
attendee)

CALL TO ORDER

Equity Board Chair Millender-Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment made for this evening’s meeting.

CHAIR REPORT

Opening Question

Presented by:

Lesley Millender-Irwin, Equity Board Chair

Equity Board Chair Millender-Irwin began the meeting with a prompting question for the joint meeting attendees: “What is one small transportation change that would make a big difference in your daily life?” All present members of both the Equity Board and Human Services Commission, as well as present Issaquah staff members responded to this opening question.

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AGENDA ITEMS

b) **Central Issaquah Light Rail Station Alignment Study - Draft Evaluation Criteria (D)**

Presented by:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

Senior Transportation Planner Valdriz shared a draft for light rail station siting and track alignment evaluation criteria for the future Central Issaquah Station for feedback and input from the Equity Board and Human Services Commission. The purpose of this conversation was to provide feedback on the ways that the City will determine what the different preferred locations could be. Feedback from the group centered around how understanding what each of the criteria really means/look for, as well as to really ensure that human impacts of a station location (including population displacement and affordability concerns) are understood and transparently discussed as part of location evaluation. Senior Transportation Planner Valdriz will follow up with more information about what is entailed in the planned high-level environmental justice and equity evaluation that will be conducted as part of the station location alternative process.

Closing Thoughts

Presented by:

Lesley Millender-Irwin

To close the meeting, Equity Board Chair Millender-Irwin shared final thoughts and summarized the discussion of the regular business item above.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

The next Human Services Commission meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026.