

**CITY OF KIRKLAND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes Commission Regular Meeting
July 9, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gabriela Lopez- Vazquez called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Melantha Jenkins, Cristian Liu, Jory Hamilton, Kobey Sage Chew, and Vice Chair Sriram Rajagopalan.

Commissioner Gildas Cheung, joined at 7:23pm

Members Absent: Commissioner Chloe Sow (excused)

Staff Present: Jen Boone, Human Services Manager, Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator, and Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Sriram Rajagopalan read the land acknowledgment. Commissioner Jory Hamilton will read for the regular meeting on July 23rd.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez requested a motion to approve the June 25, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Jory Hamilton made a motion for approval. Vice Chair Sriram Rajagopalan seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 6 No: 0).

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

In person:

Kristin Granstrand-Imagine Housing
Cindy Charlebois Druschba-At Large Advocate

Virtual:

Renewal Foodbank – Jesse, Winnie, Philip (No last names provided)

6. BUSINESS

- a. 2025-2026 Goal Area 1 Grant Application Review

Goal Area 1 applications were reviewed by the Human Services Commission.

A total of 20 applications were discussed during the meeting.

4 Tomorrow – Eviction Prevention, Rental Assistance, Move-In & Mortgage Assistance; **4 Tomorrow** – Emergency Temporary Housing & Homeless Recovery; **Archdiocesan Housing Authority-Coordinated Care Agency** – New Bethlehem Programs; **Eastside Legal Assistance** – Housing Stability, Legal Aid; **Eat Happy Now** – Food Rescue & Delivery; **Essentials First** – Community Kits; **Essentials First** – World Food Program; **Friends of Youth** – Willows Youth Services Center; **Friends of Youth** – Youth Haven; **HERO House NW** – Supported Housing; **Hopelink** – Food Programs; **Hopelink** – Financial Resiliency; **Hopelink** – Family Development; **Hopelink** – Housing; **Imagine Housing** – ADL Support; **Imagine Housing** – Behavioral Health Support; **Imagine Housing-Resident Services**; **KidVantage** – Basic Needs Supplies; **Lake Washington Schools Foundation** – Pantry Packs; **LifeWire** – Housing Stability

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hamilton summarized the 4th of July event.

b. Staff Reports & Announcements

Human Services Manager Jen Boone gave an update that the July 23rd packet would be posted by Friday, July 12th.

Human Services Coordinator Anny Smith provided information about the password reset process for Commissioners.

Commissioners are encouraged and invited to attend an Open House on July 15th regarding the Houghton Village development plan.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Melantha Jenkins motioned and was seconded by Commissioner Gildas Cheung. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.