

CITY OF KIRKLAND

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

March 23, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at: 6:33pm

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Stutz, Vice Chair Dianne Bell, Michelle Alten-Kaehler, David Godfrey, Jory Hamilton

Gildas Cheung and Marjorie Carlson excused
Max Reisman absent

Staff Present – Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator; Leslie Miller, Human Services Supervisor;
Lynn Zwaagstra, Parks & Community Services Director

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 23, 2021

Motion to Approve the February 23, 2021 minutes as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Jory Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner David Godfrey

Motion carried (Yes: 5, No: 0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Paul Charbanneau from NAMI Eastside shared about their Youth Mental Health Conference, May 21 & 22.

5. PRESENTATIONS

The 2020 annual outcome agency reports were discussed.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Michelle Alten-Kaehler brought up her concerns about lack of areas to play for children living at the Velocity apartment complex and if the parking lot to north of the facility

might be option. Leslie will follow up to see what residents are doing there and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Jory Hamilton suggested that with the new human services staff coming on board, the division might want to work on increasing visibility on social media.

Chair Jonathan Stutz attended the recent Indivisible Kirkland event with the Right to Breath group and participated on the interview panel for the new Human Services Coordinator positions.

a. Staff Reports and Announcements

Betsy Maxwell shared that the City is cosponsoring a food giveaway on Friday at the North Kirkland Community Center where they will be giving out USDA boxes in cooperation with Badger Home Farms. Peter Kirk Community Center has partnered with Kirkland Fire to serve as a standby vaccine service site.

Lynn Zwaagstra shared that City Council is focusing on the operation policies of City Boards and Commissions. The hope is to have more consistency between board functions and equitable processes and increasing diversity of membership.

Leslie Miller shared that there has been a significant amount of focus on hiring two new staff to join the Human Services Division. The contracts for the 2021-22 grants are just about completed, just in time for the first quarter reports that are due April 15th.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jonathan Stutz asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jory Hamilton motioned; Commissioner Diane bell seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 5, No: 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.