

**CITY OF KIRKLAND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
January 26, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at: 6:36pm

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Stutz, Vice Chair Dianne Bell, Michelle Alten-Kaehler, Marjorie Carlson, Max Reisman, David Godfrey, Jory Hamilton

Commissioner Absent: Gildas Cheung

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

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

Land acknowledgement was made by Chair Jonathan Stutz

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 26, 2020

Motion to Approve the October 26, 2020 minutes as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Jory Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Marjorie Carlson.

Motion carried (Yes: 7, No: 0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. CARES Act Funding Debrief

Leslie Miller presented an overview of human services related programs and services that were funded using CARES Act funding provided by the state's Department of Commerce.

b. 2021-2022 Human Services Grant Funding

Leslie Miller gave an update and overview on the City's Human Services funding. The City Council has allocated a total of \$424,000, \$212,000 which is new and unallocated.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Human Services Dashboard

Commission members reviewed and commented on questions that will be included on the R-5434 Human Services dashboard survey.

b. Human Services Funding available for 2021 and Agency Survey

Commission reviewed proposed questions for an agency survey

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Michelle Alten-Kaehler would like the City to do more to promote wearing masks in Kirkland. She suggested mask-wearing signage throughout Kirkland. Commissioner David Godfrey attended a couple of planning-related events that started with land acknowledgements and wanted to know if the City has a policy and standard messaging related to this. Leslie Miller will reach out to the City Manager's Office for clarification. Commissioner Marjorie Carlson has been working with Indivisible Kirkland to support legislation regarding police accountability. Chair Jonathan Stutz will be one of the community members providing feedback to Assistant City Manager Jim Lopez regarding work product related to Resolution R-5434.

b. Staff Reports and Announcements

Leslie Miller shared that there will be a new Community Court starting in March at the Kirkland Municipal Court. Everything will start virtually including the resource center that is part of the program. Volunteers will be needed to help with both the court and the resource center. Betsy Maxwell gave an overview of current offerings that the City is providing for seniors with special emphasis on the lunch-to-go program offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with delivery to those who cannot come in person and transportation offered to and from essential medical, food, and appointments; and meals on wheels.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jonathan Stutz asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jory Hamilton motioned; Commissioner Michelle Alten-Kaehler seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 7, No: 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.