

**CITY OF KIRKLAND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
August 24, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Gildas Cheung, Antonio Avila, Michelle Alten-Kaehler, Marjorie Carlson, Jory Hamilton, Gabriela Lopez Vazquez

Members Absent: Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz, excused; Laney Brackett, excused

Staff Present: Jen Boone, Human Services Coordinator, Leslie Miller, Human Services Supervisor; Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 27, 2021

Motion to Approve the July 27, 2021 minutes as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Jory Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Marjorie Carlson
Motion carried (Yes: 6 No: 0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Proposed 2022 Community Development Block Grant & CV-2 Funding Recommendations Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller reviewed the recommendations.

Public Notice was published, and no comments have been received by email or phone call.

Chair Gildas Cheung opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were made. Chair Gildas Cheung the Public Hearing.

Chair Gildas Cheung asked for a motion to recommend funding. Commissioner Marjorie Carlson moved to approve as outlined, Commissioner Jory Hamilton seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 6 No: 0).

6. NEW BUSINESS

Consultants Jeff Milkes and Becky Dunlap from GreenPlay LLC held a Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan stakeholder session with commission members.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Marjorie Carlson is working with a representative from Indivisible Eastside who wants to set up a regional crisis response program. Meeting took place with local representatives to discuss. Also shared was that Lake Washington School District is currently working on passing an equity policy.

Commissioner Michelle Alten-Kaehler and Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz met with Kirkland Parks Foundation regarding their efforts for a children's play area near the Velocity apartments. Michelle shared that they had found a small piece of land near by that is owned by PACCAR INC that might be an option.

Chair Gildas Cheung connected with friend who is establishing non-profit working to help homeless youth on the eastside. They have been in contact with Leslie Miller. Gildas also shared concerns regarding the potential upcoming strain put on health centers with expected surge in vaccine demands and influx of Afghan refugees over next two months.

Commissioner Gabriela Lopez Vazquez participated in a program to connect Latinx community with contact tracing. Many members of this community are not connected to contract tracing efforts and thus do not get support from Public Health and King County. Gabriela will share a Spanish flyer with the group.

b. Staff Reports

Leslie Miller stated that there will be more discussions upcoming regarding additional funds being used for housing support.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gildas Cheung asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jory Hamilton motioned; Commissioner Antonio Avila seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 6o: 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.