

# **CITY OF KIRKLAND**

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **Minutes Commission Regular Meeting**

**April 25, 2023**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gildas Cheung called meeting to order at 6:42 pm

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Melantha Jenkins, Gabriella Lopez Vazquez, Jonathan Stutz, Sriram Rajagopala, Vice Chair Jory Hamilton and Chair Gildas Cheung

Commissioners Chloe Sow and Cristian Liu excused.

Staff Present: Jen Boone, Human Services Manager, Amanda Judd, Human Services Coordinator, Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator, Meli Paulo, Homeless Outreach Coordinator

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

#### **3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Commissioner Gabriella Lopez Vazquez read land acknowledgement. Commissioner Melantha Jenkins will read the acknowledgment at the May meeting.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Gildas Cheung requested a motion to approve the March 28, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Johnathan Stutz requested that an amendment be made in the denotation of missing Commissioners from absence to excused absence. Commissioner Jonathan Stutz made a motion for approval with the formentioned amendment. Vice Chair Jory Hamilton seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 6 No: 0).

#### **5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

#### **6. BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves answering a set of prompts.

- b. City's Response to Homelessness Update – Postponed to May meeting

## **7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### a. 4 Tomorrow

Monik Martinez and Laura Delmendo from 4 Tomorrow presented information about the services and programs the agency provides to Eastside communities.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

### a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Gaby Lopez will be attending the upcoming Kirkland Initiative program in May.

Chair Gildas Cheung thanked staff for the info email sent out about the Eastside heat pump initiative.

Vice Chair Jory Hamilton provided an update on the upcoming PFEC meeting in May.

### b. Staff Reports

Hiring of Meli Paulo, City's first Homeless Outreach Coordinator

Poll for joint City Council meeting – currently scheduled for October 3 study session beginning at 5:30pm.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gildas Cheung requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Jonathan Stutz and seconded by Commissioner Melantha Jenkins. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.