

CITY OF KIRKLAND

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 28, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 28, 2020, Human Services Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Jonathan Stutz.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair Jonathan Stutz, Commissioners Dianne Bell, David Godfrey, and Michelle Alten-Kaehler.

Commissioner Gildas Cheung arrived at 7:22 pm. Commissioner Max Reisman is excused.

Staff present: Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller and Youth Services Coordinator Regula Schubiger.

Recording Secretary: Senior Office Specialist Melissa Bartoletti

Presenters:

Mary Ellen Stone, Executive Director, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center
Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Senior Program Coordinator for the Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network (WARN) at International Rescue Committee in Seattle

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 26, 2019
Motion to Approve the November 26, 2019 minutes as presented.
Moved by Commissioner David Godfrey, seconded by Commissioner Dianne Bell.
Motion carried (Yes: 4, No: 0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

John Sambrook addressed the commission.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. King County Sexual Assault Resource Center Update
Mary Ellen Stone, Executive Director, gave an overview of King County Sexual Assault Resource Center's primary programs.
- b. Introduction to Human Trafficking

Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman of the International Rescue Committee in Seattle provided an overview of human trafficking in the King County region including experiences of Kirkland residents, the services available and areas of insufficient assistance.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. City Council Request to Consider Public Comment
Human Services Commission reviewed a request made by high school students regarding supporting the homeless as requested by the City Council. Human Services Supervisor will follow up with a letter to the students and will ask Commissioner Max Reisman to provide information with the Youth Council to share with their peers.
- b. The 2021-2022 Human Services Grant Application Process
Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller gave an introductory presentation about the 2021-2022 Human Services Grant Application Process and announced that applications will be open from March 4th through April 7th. Commissioners also provided feedback on availability for additional meetings to review grant applications.

Joint Equity Lens Training with Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond, and Sammamish will be offered before the application review process. Commissioners are invited to attend either dates on Tuesday, March 17th at Bellevue City Hall, or Monday, April 13th at Heritage Hall in Kirkland.

- c. Officer Election
Commissioner David Godfrey moved that we go to a Chair -Vice Chair model for governance. Seconded by Commissioner Dianne Bell.
Motion carried (Yes: 5, No: 0).

Chair Jonathan Stutz opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Gildas Cheung nominated Commissioner Dianne Bell. Commissioner David Godfrey seconded.
Motion carried (Yes: 5, No: 0).

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Commissioner Reports
Commissioner David Godfrey gave an update on the SRO Taskforce. He took over the Human Services Commission representative position for Councilmember Amy Falcone. The task force has a draft of recommendations and a cover letter that will go to the City Council.

Chair Jonathan Stutz shared an experience with getting a resident connected to services with Eastside Legal Assistance Program.

Commissioner David Godfrey, Councilmembers Amy Falcone and Jon Pascal, and staff member Melissa Bartoletti participated in All Home King County's Annual Point in Time Count the morning of January 24, 2020.

Commissioners Dianne Belle, Jonathan Stutz, David Godfrey and Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller attended the first Kirkland Welcoming Initiative community learning event called Kirkland Talks, Preparing to Be Conscious, and Color Brave.

b. Staff Reports and Announcements

Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller asked if Commissioners wanted to continue to receive meeting packets in the mail and if there was interest in starting Commission meetings earlier. Commissioners agreed that 6:30 p.m. would be a better start time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jonathan Stutz asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Godfrey motioned, Commissioner Gildas Cheung seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 5, No: 0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.