

CITY OF KIRKLAND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes Commission Meeting
April 26, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m by Jory Hamilton

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Gabriela Lopez Vazquez, Michelle Alten-Kaehler, Marjorie Carlson, Jory Hamilton, and Laney Brackett

Chair Gildas Cheung, excused, Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz, excused, Commissioner Antonio Avila, excused

Staff Present: Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator, Jen Boone, Human Services Manager

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Michelle Alten-Kaehler read the land acknowledgement.

Commissioner Gabriela Lopez Vazquez will read the acknowledgment at the May 18 Commission meeting.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Jory Hamilton requested a motion to approve the March 22, 2022 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner Marjorie Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Gabriela Lopez Vazquez.

Motioned carried (Yes: 5 No: 0).

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

Debrief Equity Training, Part 1

Commissioners discussed three questions from the first part of the Equity Series workshop hosted by Amadeo Guiao.

- What were your biggest takeaways?
- Any challenges that came up for you?
- What are some of the barriers to approaching equitable grantmaking?

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2023 - 2024 Grant Review Process and Timeline

Human Services Coordinator Antoinette Smith reviewed the grant review process and Human Services Manager Jen Boone discussed the application review timeline.

b. Human Services Goal Areas and Current Priorities

Human Services Manager Jen Boone reviewed the five goal areas and Commission priorities that were determined at the January 2022 HSC meeting.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Marjorie Carlson announced that the City will be hosting a town hall in collaboration with King County to discuss the LaQuinta site as part of the Health through Housing Initiative. The virtual event will be hosted Monday, May 9, 2022 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

b. Staff Reports

Human Services Manager Jen Boone addressed the letter from 4Tomorrow to City Council outlining concerns about the rental assistance program, including the end date for Phase 1, process of receiving King County EPRAP referrals for Phase 2, and the for-profit contract.

Human Services Manager Jen Boone shared that the Human Services Coordinator – Community Well-Being position is posted and encouraged Commissioners to share with their networks.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jory Hamilton requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Marjorie Carlson motioned, and Commissioner Gabby seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.