

CITY OF KIRKLAND

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 23, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 23, 2019, Human Services Commission Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Commissioner Adam White.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Commission Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz (via telephone), Commissioners Michelle Alten-Kaehler (via telephone), Dianne Bell, Gildas Cheung, David Godfrey, Max Reisman, and Adam White.

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

Recording Secretary: Senior Office Specialist Melissa Bartoletti.

Amy Falcone arrived at 7:05 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 26, 2019

Motion to Approve the March 26, 2019 minutes as presented.

Moved by Commissioner David Godfrey, seconded by Commissioner Dianne Bell.

Motion carried (Yes: 5, No: 0). Commissioners Michelle Alten-Kaehler and Max Reisman abstained.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No items.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Welcome of New Commission Members

Michelle Alten-Kaehler joins the Human Services Commission to serve a four-year term and youth representative Max Reisman will serve for two years.

Commissioner Adam White opened the floor for new member, current member, and staff introductions.

b. Overview of 2018 Agency Reports

Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller presented trends and concerns across multiple programs during 2018 as reported by funded programs and asked the Commission for feedback on reporting methods and the presented materials.

One idea was to host a joint meeting with the Senior Council and invite programs supporting older adults.

Ms. Miller gave an overview of programs that did not meet their contracted annual goals and the challenges they experienced.

Staff will work on reporting strategies for 2019-2020.

c. Joint Commission Debrief

Commission Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz, Commissioners Michelle Alten-Kaehler, Dianne Bell, Amy Falcone (via telephone), David Godfrey, Max Reisman, Adam White, and Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller and Senior Office Specialist Melissa Bartoletti participated in the Joint Human Services Commission meeting on April 16, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall. Commission members from Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond, and Sammamish also participated.

Commission members discussed takeaways from the Joint Commission Meeting. Commissioners expressed a desire to continue these regional conversations.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Officers

At the March meeting Commission Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz and Commissioner Amy Falcone expressed a desire to serve as co-chairs for the upcoming year. They shared their vision for sharing chair responsibilities.

Gildas Cheung motioned for the Human Services Commission to allow the election of Co-Chairs instead of individual positions of Chair and Vice-Chair for the term of May 2019 to April 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Dianne Bell. Motion carried (Yes: 8, No: 0)

Commissioner Adam White opened nominations for Commission Co-Chair. Commissioner David Godfrey nominated Commissioner Amy Falcone. Ms. Falcone accepted the nomination. Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Gildas Cheung.

Commissioner Dianne Bell nominated Commissioner Jonathan Stutz. Mr. Stutz accepted the nomination. Nomination is seconded by Commissioner Amy Falcone.

Mr. White asked if there were any other nominations for Co-Chair. No nominations were given. Mr. White asked for a second and third time whether there were any other nominations for Co-chair and no other nominations were made. Mr. White Closed nominations.

Mr. White asked for a vote for Commissioner Amy Falcone to serve as Co-Chair for the term of May 2019 to April 2020 (Yes: 8, No: 0).

Mr. White asked for a vote for Commissioner Jonathan Stutz to serve as Co-Chair for the term of May 2019 to April 2020 (Yes: 8, No: 0).

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Amy Falcone attended the Eastside Race and Equity Summit on March 29, 2019. Ms. Falcone attended a Family Education Workshop organized by LWSD at Juanita Elementary.

b. Staff Reports and Announcements

On Wednesday, April 10, Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller joined City leaders, leaders from King County, ARCH, the New Bethlehem Project, the Sophia Way, Salt House and other community partners at a groundbreaking celebration for the new permanent Kirkland Shelter for women and families with children. This project will provide lifesaving shelter and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Adam White asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gildas Cheung motioned, Commissioner Amy Falcone seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 8), No: 0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.