

CITY OF KIRKLAND

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

February 23, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at: 6:33pm

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Jonathan Stutz, Michelle Alten-Kaehler, Marjorie Carlson, Max Reisman, David Godfrey, Jory Hamilton

Commissioner Gildas Cheung joined at 7:09pm, Vice Chair Dianne Bell joined at 7:10pm

Staff Present – James Lopez, Assistant City Manager; Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator; Leslie Miller, Human Services Supervisor; Lynn Zwaagstra, Parks & Community Services Director

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 26, 2021

Motion to Approve the January 26, 2021 minutes as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Jory Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Michelle Alten-Kaehler

Motion carried (Yes: 6, No: 0).

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No comments.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a. Resolution R-5434 Q & A

Assistant City Manager James Lopez attended the meeting to answer Commissioner questions regarding Resolution R-5434. Commissioners were encouraged to visit the City's webpage dedicated to the effort. The next significant City Council update is scheduled for at the May 18th Study Session.

b. Latino Community Outreach Debrief

Leslie Miller gave an overview of the recently issued report on the Latinx community survey and outreach done in Kirkland.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Michelle Alten-Kaehler thanked the City for all the mask-wearing signage that has gone up in the last month. Commissioner Jory Hamilton is working with a local group whose focus it is to increase human connection in hopes of decreasing depression and suicide in Kirkland. Commissioner Marjorie Carlson MJ invited members to attend the next Indivisible Kirkland meeting on Saturday on Saturday February 26th. Chair Jonathan Stutz was recently selected to join Youth Eastside Services Board of Trustees.

a. Staff Reports and Announcements

Director Lynn Zwaagstra shared that the City Council will utilize both the recommendations that the Human Services Commission made in the fall and emergent needs to determine how to utilize the additional human services funds that City Council set aside but did not allocate. Leslie Miller discussed the hotel voucher program that the City is offering in partnership with the Baymont Inn. This service was put to good use during the recent snow event by both shelter residents and shelter staff during the winter storm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jonathan Stutz asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jory Hamilton motioned; Commissioner Max Reisman seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 8, No: 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.