

**CITY OF KIRKLAND**  
**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 25, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at: 6:32pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Jonathan Stutz, Michelle Alten-Kaehler, David Godfrey, Jory Hamilton, Marjorie Carlson, Gildas Cheung

Max Reisman excused; Co-Chair Dianne Bell absent

Staff Present – Jen Boone, Human Services Coordinator, Leslie Miller, Human Services Supervisor; Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator, Lynn Zwaagstra, Parks & Community Services Director

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. April 26, 2021

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

Moved by Commissioner Jory Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Marjorie Carlson

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

**4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

a. 4Tomorrow

Founder and Executive Director Monik Martinez introduced her agency to the Commission.

b. Youth Eastside Services

Chief Program Officer Miguel Martinez, Director of Agency Based Behavioral Health, Debbi Halela and Director of Community Services and Inclusion Jackie Bui provided an overview of the agency's programs.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Human Services Commission Workplan

The Commission discussed the revised draft of workplan.

Leslie Miller will be presenting the workplan to City Council at its June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **a. Commissioner Reports**

Chair Stutz and Commissioner Alten-Kaehler shared details of their meeting with the Park Board regarding their desire to see outdoor space for children living at Imagine Housing's Velocity property. The need for small parks in increasingly dense neighborhoods was discussed.

Commissioner Carlson will draft a position letter to City Council regarding School Resource Officers. Commissioner Gildas and Chair Stutz will review before it is sent out to the rest of the Commission.

Commissioner Cheung raised the issue of anti-Asian sentiment and that he would have more to report at the June Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hamilton shared that he is studying COVID strains with a research group.

Chair Stutz attended the Kirkland Talks Inclusive Dialogue on Race and Racism event and Youth Eastside Services fundraiser. He also shared that the Pro-Palestine event in Kirkland made him feel unsafe.

### **b. Staff Reports and Announcements**

Leslie Miller requested Commissioners to prioritize its previous mental health program funding recommendations.

Leslie Miller led a time of appreciation for outgoing Commissioners Godfrey, Bell and Reisman and appreciation for Chair Stutz's leadership.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jonathan Stutz asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jory Hamilton motioned; Commissioner Gildas Cheung seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 6, No: 0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.