

CITY OF KIRKLAND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes Commission Meeting
March 22, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Gildas Chueng, Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz, Commissioners Gabriela Lopez Vazquez, Michelle Alten-Kaehler, Antonio Avila, Marjorie Carlson, Jory Hamilton, and Laney Brackett

Staff Present: Lynn Zwaagstra, Director, Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator, Jen Boone, Interim Human Services Supervisor

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Marjorie Carlson read land acknowledgement

Commissioner Michelle Alten-Kaehler will read the acknowledgment at the April Commission meeting.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz requested a motion to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner Antonio Avila, seconded by Commissioner Jory Hamilton.

Motioned carried (Yes: 8 No: 0). Chair Gildas Chueng abstained.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Interim Human Services Supervisor Jen Boone gave an overview of proposed COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant Funding Recommendations.

Three motions to approve the staff recommendations:

- Behavioral Health – Jory Hamilton motioned and Antonio Avila seconded; motioned carried (Yes: 8 No: 0) Vice Chair Johnathon Stutz recused.
- Food Insecurity – Antonio Avila motioned and Jory Hamilton seconded motion; motion carried (Yes: 9 No: 0)
- Service Connections for Spanish & Portuguese Speaking Community Members – Jory Hamilton motioned and Marjorie Carlson seconded; motion carried (Yes: 9 No: 0)

6. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mallory Van Abbema & Alexis Mercedes Rinck from the King County Regional Homelessness Authority provided an overview of KCRHA and what they do.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners reviewed data pertaining to the performance of funded human service agencies in 2021.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

At the last meeting, Commissioner Marjorie Carlson offered to write a position statement regarding Health through Housing initiative at the former La Qunita hotel. Due to an upcoming public hearing in May, she suggested that the Commission wait on submitting a statement and see how things unfold in the coming months.

b. Staff Report

Human Services Coordinator Anny Smith is working on getting everyone scheduled for the equity trainings. Additionally, she asked that Commissioners check their City email regularly for scheduling and other important information.

Parks and Community Services Director Lynn Zwaagstra announced that the Human Services Manager position is posted. Commissioners were asked for their assistance in getting the word out about this job opportunity.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Jonathan Stutz requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Marjorie Carlson motioned and Commissioner Jory Hamilton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.