

CITY OF KIRKLAND

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes Commission Regular Meeting

July 25, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jory Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Melantha Jenkins, Jonathan Stutz, Gabriella Lopez, Sriram Rajagopala, Cristian Liu, and Vice Chair Jory Hamilton

Chair Gildas Cheung and Commissioner Chloe Sow excused

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

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Jonathan Stutz read land acknowledgement. Commissioner Sriram Rajagopala will read the acknowledgment at the August meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Jory Hamilton requested a motion to approve the May 23, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Liu made a motion for approval with a correction to a spelling error the title of item 8. Commissioner Jonathan Stutz seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 6 No: 0).

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Brazilian Community Services

Pablo Ortega and Daiane Ferreira from Brazilian Community Services shared information regarding their services and programming provided to Eastside communities.

b. Chibad of Kirkland

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Chibad of Kirkland was unable to make their presentation. Vice Chair Jory Hamilton requested a motion to move the presentation to the August

meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Sriram Rajagopala and seconded by Commissioner Christian Liu.

c. Kirkland Senior Council

Kirkland Senior Council Chair Jack Staudt shared an update on the KSC's work plan for 2023.

7. BUSINESS

a. 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program

Human Services Manager Jen Boone gave a presentation providing an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the proposed distribution of CDBG funds for 2024.

d. Annual Election of Officers

Human Services Manager Jen Boone outlined the election process. Vice Chair Jory Hamilton opened the nomination process. Commissioner Jonathan Stutz nominated Jory Hamilton for Human Services Chair. Vice Chair Jory Hamilton nominated Gabriella Lopez for Vice Chair. Both were elected unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Gabriella Lopez and Vice Chair Jory Hamilton recently completed the Kirkland Initiative program and highly recommended it to other commissioners.

Vice Chair Jory Hamilton shared about the Parks Measure that will be on the November 2023 ballot.

b. Staff Reports

Human Services Coordinator Anny Smith shared Eastside Civic Engagement Award that Commissioner Gabriella Lopez was awarded in May.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Jory Hamilton requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Jonathan Stutz and seconded by Commissioner Gabriella Lopez. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.