



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

February 11, 2016- 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGregor called the February 11, 2016 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Lord, Josh Max, Fran McGregor, and Lesley Schlesinger

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joyce Bowling and Leslie Hamada were excused.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Sr. Human Services Planner

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM LORD MOVED AND CM SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND TO INCLUDE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2016 AS CORRECTED. VOTE: 4-0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. Review Year-End Reports and Outcomes

Performance measures for the human service providers 4th quarter were reviewed and special attention was made on the annual outcome reports to determine if the providers were making a difference and producing positive outcomes. Victoria noted that Catholic Community Services Emergency Assistance did not submit a demographic report or outcome report. She is checking on why they were not able to meet the deadline. Although DAWN's outcomes were met, there numbers for Covington CAP have been especially low all year and she will contact the director for a meeting.

Item 2. Report on YWCA Changes

Several long-term employees from the Renton YWCA office have been let go as well as the director. No one from the Seattle YWCA notified any of the funders of this decision. Victoria found out by emails from the former employees. We suspect a major reorganization is

happening but are not sure what the plans are to maintain the Renton office. All south King County city's that fund this program are setting up a meeting in March to talk with YWCA staff. In addition, we plan to do a joint service audit of this organization in late March to ensure the programs are still running properly. The commission will also keep an eye on the reports next quarter.

Item 3. Review King County Housing Repair Program

The year-end report reveals that Covington homeowners who applied for this program received a good share of the available funds. This program is funded by Community Development Block Grant and shared with all cities in King County. They base the repair approval on highest priority. Victoria does market this program regularly which shows that homeowners are using the program. The funds are limited so when Covington was in the top five cities of receiving the highest amount of funds, would indicate there is a need and the word is getting out to residents.

Item 4. South King County Housing & Homelessness Goals

Goals of the All Home committee were shared.

Item 5. Plan Site Visit for March

Children's Therapy and Jenkins Creek HeadStart programs were on the calendar to visit in March. Both programs would be daytime site visits. Spring break is March 20-27 so Victoria will see if students are attending at this time. Brian Lord, Josh Max and Lesley Schlesinger are all interested if it works with their schedule. Victoria will confirm dates at the March meeting.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The City Clerk is scheduling commission and council joint meetings for this year. Victoria asked the commission members if they had any item on their agenda to discuss with the council. Chair McGregor mentioned that after they review the new funding applications and prior to their recommendation, it would be a good opportunity to tell the council the status of the process; i.e. how many applications did they receive, are there new programs applying, and how has the amount of funding requests compare to previous cycles. Victoria will notify the City Clerk that she can schedule a joint meeting in June or July.

Chair McGregor commented that the public comments during the City Council meetings often address concerns that citizens have. She encouraged people to come if they have concerns so they can be heard and often can be answered at the meeting.

Handout Packets included the following:

- Housing element of the Comprehensive Plan
- Final 2016 work calendar
- Price list for the new apartment in Covington
- HS Commission Contact List

CM LORD MOVED AND CM SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:43 P.M. VOTE: 4:0. MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by: Victoria Throm
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