



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

October 8, 2015- 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Hamada called the October 8, 2015 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:29 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joyce Bowling, Leslie Hamada, Brian Lord, Josh Max, and Lesley Schlesinger

MEMBERS ABSENT

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Fran McGregor CM LORD MOVED AND CM SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO EXCUSE FRAN MCGREGOR DUE TO ILLNESS. VOTE: 5:0. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM SCHLESINGER MOVED AND CM BOWLING SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13, 2015 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ORIENTATION OF NEW COMMISSIONER:

The commission welcomed student Commissioner Joshua Max who is currently a running-start student at Green River Community College and an Eagle Scout. He has a sincere interest in human services. Vice-Chair Hamada began the orientation with a review of the mission statement, responsibilities of the human services commission, and Rules of Procedures. Following this review the commission talked about the funding cycle process, the funding priorities, and current list of programs funded by the general fund budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. Report on Site Visit to KentHOPE

CM McGregor, Bowling, and Schlesinger visited KentHOPE on Sept. 10th. This is the only women's day shelter in the area and Director Lisa Chandler lead the tour. Lesley and Joyce said they interacted with the women, they were impressed with the organization and how clean the facility was with so many people there. They were also impressed by the beautiful outdoor area for kids and women to visit and play. Leslie Hamada added that in 2014 they served an average

of 15-20 women per day which has increased in 2015 to 30-37 clients per day. She also announced a fundraiser is being held on Nov. 7th at the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 2. State of the City Address

Victoria announced the State of the City Address and Joint Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A dinner will be held following the address. The joint meeting will replace their regular meeting for November.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

- ✓ It was noted that a site visit to Jenkins Creek HeadStart program was scheduled for October. Since this is a day-time visit the only members who could attend were Josh, Joyce, Leslie H. and Victoria. Staff will contact the director and set up a day visit for either on a Tuesday or Thursday and notify the commission.
- ✓ Joyce Bowling announced she will be gone for the November meeting
- ✓ Leslie Hamada went to the August Back to School BBQ event at the Storehouse. She said it was well organized with lots of vendors who could provide services to the residents. They also provided free back-to-school backpacks full of school supplies, used clothing, and a great BBQ
- ✓ The commission asked Victoria to give a report next meeting on the new mixed-use apartments currently under construction in Covington.

CM LORD MOVED AND CM SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 8, 2015 MEETING AT 7:47 P.M. VOTE 5:0. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:



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