

MINUTES

REDMOND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2021 - 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Commissioners present: Anny Smith, Vibhas Chandorkar, Kristen Muscott, Arjun Ram, Janet Richards, Jacob Brown, Jiwon Kim

Staff present: Beverly Mesa-Zendt, Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Vibhas, seconded by Janet; unanimous (5:0)

3. December 14, 2020 Meeting Summary

Corrections: Jacob is leaving for college in August **2022**. "Some leeway was given **for** errors or omissions in applications from organizations serving diverse communities."

Motion to approve with two corrections by Kristen, seconded by Vibhas; approved (4:0), Arjun abstained.

4. Items from the Audience

No items from the audience.

5. Gracious Space

Introductions of new youth advisor Jiwon Kim to other commissioners and staff. Staff led commission through a mapping exercise with people's hometowns.

6. Commissioner and Staff Updates

- Staff report that Q3 program narratives have been sent out, Q4 and end of year reports due next week. Staff attended Kinderling Open house, video on virtual services at <https://youtu.be/3JAlKrEr9hl>. Together Center will be relocating agencies, mostly throughout Redmond, Friends of Youth to move to Kimmel Building latter part of January
- Janet reported the Right to Breathe roadshow will start in the latter half January and focus on the Eastside Black community and co-conspirators, political partners, and corporations.

- Kristen reported the next distribution for the food box program to 150 families (4 new) is this Saturday. Nourishing Networks Central is revitalizing itself and is the fiscal sponsor for Open Kitchen and the Food Box Program www.nourishingnetworks.net. Let Kristen know of any food resources not listed for Redmond.
- Anny reminded everyone about the Virtual Community Resource Center every Wed 2-4. <http://bit.ly/2XxoBAi>

7. 2021 Commission Leadership

Vibhas was elected chair and Janet vice chair by unanimous vote.

8. 2021 Work Plan

Topics for consideration: human services strategic plan, additional funding, make greater effort to connect with folks where they're at, site visits, focus on youth mental health (issues/additional funding), better strategy going into next cycle regarding equity, incubator model for underserved areas/communities, learn what are the challenges of grassroots group, how we can make funding process different so it's not as competitive. Staff will meet with commission leadership and follow up next month.

9. Council One-Time Award and Funding Plan

Memo date should be 2021. Numbers for Crisis Line should be \$8,903 initial and \$10,000 proposed.

City leadership recommends fully funding shelter asks for 2021 but wait to see what other funds may become available for year two. Commission wishes to prioritize rental assistance for any additional funds. Food was fully funded already but should be kept mind for future needs.

Distribution of additional funds from the city fund balance is still to be determined. With CARES Act money, we used the funding guiding principles, agency need survey, and commission approval to get money out quickly. Suggestion to consider limiting any request for proposals to agencies who didn't apply in regular cycle.

Motion to affirm the values for prioritizing and awarding one-time funds, previously approved by the Commission on April 21, 2020 by Anny, Kristen seconded; unanimous (5:0).

Motion to approve the proposed plan for closing the shelter funding gap (2021) and increasing funds to mental health agencies by Anny, Kristen seconded; unanimous (5:0).

10. Round Robin

Commissioners shared feelings of fear, anxiety, disbelief, sadness, disbelief, dread, and surrealness. The issues we face around racism are systemic in nature and do not go away just because we're in a new year. We will continue to work toward becoming more equitable and just as a commission and as a community.

11. Adjourn