

## MEETING SUMMARY

### REDMOND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

**Monday, May 8, 2023 - 6:30 pm**

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#### 1. Call to Order

Commissioners present: Rachid Erekaïni, Kathleen Reynolds, Anny Smith, Vibhas Chandorkar, Marilyn Lazaro, Arisha Gupta

Staff present: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

2. **Meeting Summary:** Kathleen moved approve the April 10, 2023 meeting summary; Anny seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. **Items From the Audience:** none

#### 4. Diversity Equity and Inclusion

Debbie Lacy from Eastside for All facilitated a discussion on [equity in nonprofit funding](#) (slide deck). Commission discussed why it is important to advance equity in funding, barriers to achieving equity, racial disparities, and opportunities for change. She also presented ideas for greater accountability and transparency in funding for funders.

#### 5. Human Services Fund Balance

Staff presented proposed changes to how reserve funds are spent. Discussion ensued on at what point the commission should be involved in deciding how to expend excess funds - \$75K, \$50K, \$10K? Or if rather than having a dollar amount trigger a discussion, staff report on a regular basis what the balance is.

Marilyn felt strongly that all funds should be distributed to the community, and nothing should be held in reserve. Also, discussion around the amount that staff should allowed to expend without commission approval - \$10K per request or \$10K cumulatively over the course of the biennium.

Staff was charged to rework the proposal and bring back to commission next month for further discussion.

#### 6. Commissioner & Staff Updates

- Indian American Community Services invites commissioners to visit their program at the North Bellevue Community Center on Thursdays. Staff will work with Kathleen and Vibhas to coordinate.

**Adjourned at 8:43.**