

City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402 Zoom 12/9/2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Vice Chair Zach Dillon, Jason Grube, Lisa Keating, Rebecca Stith, Naomi Willson, Magdalena Stickel, Chair Rahn Clayton

Commissioners Absent:

Kelly McDonald, Cherrielee Matthews, Elizabeth Pebley, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Valentine Smith, Jovan Dumas, Luis Beltran

Staff Present:

Allyson Griffith, Kristin Ely, Jason McKenzie

Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:09pm

Rebecca Stith moved to amend December Agenda to add 5 minutes to discuss whether to add public comment. Zach Dillon second. Motion passed unanimously. Lisa Keating moved to approve amended agenda. Jason Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the December Agenda at 6:10pm

Rebecca Stith moved to amend December Agenda to add 5 minutes to discuss whether to add public comment. Zach Dillon second. Motion passed unanimously. Lisa Keating moved to approve amended agenda. Jason Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review/Approval of November Minutes at 6:12pm

Rebecca Stith moved to approve the November minutes once staff place them in the standard format with the identifying information and letter head. Zach Dillon Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Agenda Item Regarding Accepting Public Comment at 6:17pm

Rebecca Stith moved to approve the November minutes once staff place them in the standard format with the identifying information and letter head. Zach Dillon Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

HSC Recruitment Update from Staff at 6:24pm

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There are four open positions including one youth position. The youth position has now been changed to a one-year position that is based on the school year. They hope to onboard new folk in February. They had 22 applications. They are looking to fill underrepresented people groups to ensure the diversity of our commission.

HSC Officer Elections at 6:40pm

Rahn is interested in continuing as chair. Rebecca is interested in running as vice-chair. This election will be for a term of January to May when the next election will be held Kelly has not submitted an application to reapply for her next term as commissioner.

Naomi moved to vote only for chair and vice-chair and to table the vote for secretary to January once we can confirm whether or not she is remaining as a commissioner. Zach Dillon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Stith put herself forward as vice-chair. Zach Dillon seconded. Voted in unanimously. Rahn Clayton put himself forward as chair. Naomi Wilson seconded the nomination. Voted in unanimously.

Upcoming RFPs

2 RFPs are coming up. They are small enough that there may only be 2-3 applicants. They will take place between the meetings. Staff recommended electing a small group of people to give input and rate the applications in a more informal process.

1 RFP for youth violence reduction program.

1 RFP is a shelter provider for youth shelter.

Any input would be in the next 30 days. Staff recommended 2 volunteers for each of them.

Rebecca volunteered for the youth violence reduction.

Lisa wants to volunteer for the youth shelter, but wanted to make sure there wasn't a conflict based on her status on the school board.

Review/Excuse Absences at 6:58pm

Rebecca Stith moved to excuse absences for Kelly McDonald, Cherrielee Matthews, Elizabeth Pebley, Valentine Smith for providing advanced notice of their absence. Lisa Keating seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NCS Contracted Services Update at 7:01pm

Lisa Keating asked questions about the potential dissolution of the partnership between city and county health departments and how it might impact the HSC.

Allyson Griffith (staff) noted that council moved for more time. Right now there isn't much information, but council members are seeking additional information. In the meantime, HSC is continuing as normal.

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Good of the Order at 7:09pm

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Motion to Adjourn at 7:20pm

Jason moved to adjourn. Zach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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