



# City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting- Staff Notes

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## Virtual Meeting Instructions for the Public:

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**Members Present:** Chair Rahn Clayton, Jason Grube, Lisa Keating, , Amanda Scott-Thomas, Valentine Smith, Naomi Wilson, Luis Beltran, Magdalena Stickel, Wilton Waverly, Leslie Mintaraga

**Members Absent:** Rebecca Stith, Elizabeth Pebley, Jovan Dumas, Cherrielee Matthews

**Staff Present:** Allyson Griffith, Kristin Ely, Jason McKenzie, Renee Johnson, Eugene Mustin

1. **Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:05pm**
  - Meeting called to order by Chair Clayton at 6:05pm
2. **Approval of the March Agenda at 6:05pm**
  - Motion by Keating to Approve, second by Grube, approved unanimously
3. **Officer Vacancies and Acknowledgements at 6:05pm**
  - No volunteers to take minutes for the meeting
  - Recommendation to consider consolidating chair and vice chair and rotate minute taking duties when we review the Rules and Procedures
  - Thank you Kelly for her years of service as secretary
4. **Introductions and Ice Breaker**
  - What have you learned about yourself during the pandemic?
  - Eugene Mustin is joining the call from the City Manager's office
5. **Review/Approval of February Minutes**
  - Grube motioned to approve the February minutes and Waverly seconds. All approve.
6. **Public Comment**
  - No comments made
7. **Hygiene Station Pilot Project**
  - Allyson Griffith presented that NCS staff worked with 1-800-Junk to establish a pilot project hygiene station for 30 days at 8<sup>th</sup> and S Yakima. The pilot will run from March 5-April 7 and



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services include portable toilets, handwashing stations, trash receptacles and evening/overnight security from 6pm-6am daily.

- Commissioner Wilson asked about shower availability. Showers are available through shelter providers and we will circle back on availability for those living in encampments.
- Commissioner Stickel asked about the transition from five sites to a single site. The primary concern was over the cost and use of multiple sites. We are assessing whether or not the encampment grows surrounding area to the hygiene stations.
- Chair Clayton recommended going back to listen to the study session and council meeting conversations on February 2, 9 and 23<sup>rd</sup> where this topic was discussed.
- Commissioner Wilson asked what is our measure of success, which Allyson responded is a reduction in complaints regarding vandalism or biohazards on private property or right-of-way. We would also evaluate success about whether or not the services are properly utilized.
- Commissioner Keating asked if we have contacted Tacoma Public Schools, which we did. NCS staff contact 619 individuals via email and made 200 phone calls to nearby neighbors.

### 8. NCS Program Updates

- May HSC Commissioner Recruitment → Applications are now open through March 28, 2021 for 5 vacancies. Commissioners Dumas, Ray, Stickel, and Keating have expiring positions on May 31, 2021. We continue to have a youth vacancy (16-18 years old, one year term).

### 9. CDBG/ESG 2021-2022 Allocations

- NCS Resource Manager Jason McKenzie presented on NCS' recommendation to extend funding for 6 months for currently funded providers and for the HSC to work on developing a recommendation to move forward for the second half of the funding cycle which is January 2022-June 2022. Staff will re-visit this item in a few months with the commission to develop establish next steps for funding allocations.

### 10. Youth Violence Reduction Logic Model

- Commissioner Scott-Thomas is curious about youth voice and how it has been included. Renee Johnson with NCS will be reaching out directly to discuss connecting with subject matter experts who can give input.
- Commissioner Wilson has questions about trauma informed care and wants to make sure that funded providers have access to these trainings in order to support this work

### 11. Review/Excuse Absences

- Commissioner Grube moved to excuse Commissioners Stith and Pebley. Commission Keating seconded and all approved.

### 12. Good of the Order at 8:00pm

- Re-visited HSC recruitment. Kristin will send HSC the recruitment announcement and request support for recruiting youth ages 16-18 and anyone else who may be interested in serving.



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- Commissioner Keating will not be seeking re-appointment due to a number of other important volunteer commitments she has made.

### 13. Closing Comments/Adjourn at 8:01pm

- Commissioner Grube motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Scott-Thomas and approved by all.

*Next Virtual HSC Meeting: April 14, 2021 6:00 pm*