



Neighborhood and Community Services

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 6:00 pm
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 148

Meeting Minutes

Those Present: Jovan, Kelly, Jason, Dana, Rahn, Sean, Brian, Al

Staff Present: Adam, Pam, Vicky & Jasmine

Those Absent: Korbett, Valentine, Zach, Indira,

1. Welcome/Call to Order
Jovan called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. Approval & Signing of March Meeting Minutes
Al moved to approve meeting minutes from March at 6:05, Jason seconded and all present members approved.

3. 2017-18 MHSUD HHS Wrap Up
→ Objective: Informative

Pam addressed this issue beginning at 6:06 pm. Pam thanked the HSC members who participated in the process acknowledging how much of a time intensive endeavor it is.

This was the first time there was any money remaining at the end of the process. There remains funding that can be used for other organization's worthy programs.

It was clear that there were a couple of programs that were funded but will not remain in the MHSUD funding bucket.

There is some funding set aside to engage faith based organizations to address the issue of homelessness.

May 4th from 10-2 will be a convening meeting with Tacoma faith based organizations with a menu of opportunities they can engage in to address homelessness.

Staff is identifying who has the greatest need for shelter, and where populations of homeless gather, along with the types of services being sought for the meeting on May 4th. This funding process will likely begin in June 2017 and continue through the summer.

4. Retreat Planning
→ Objective: Informative and Discussion

Pam addressed this change of the retreat on May 13 at 6:18 pm to allow new members coming on the Commission to attend. Pam will need to work with those who volunteered to assist in planning.

5. HSC Rules & Procedures Update

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Members:

Jovan Dumas,
Chair

Korbett Mosesly,
Vice Chair

Kelly McDonald,
Secretary

Rahn Clayton

Zach Dillon

Jason Grube

Indira Hubble

Brian Humphreys

Dana Owens-
Cheatham

Al Ratcliffe

Valentine Smith

Sean Waite

Staff:

Nadia Chandler-
Hardy, NCS
Director

Pam Duncan, HS
Division Manager



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→ Objective: Discussion and update with Jovan

Pam addressed this topic beginning at 6:21 pm that there is a need to have a full spectrum of experienced Commissioners across multiple sectors (health care, school system, mental health, etc).

There is a desire to have Commissioners become well apprised of the full efforts of the City and serving as a spokesperson for the Commission with various stakeholders. Al has volunteered to continue serving in the Mental Health sub-committee with Korbett although his term at HSC is ending.

Dana volunteered to connect with Pam to assist these efforts given her internship with the City will beginning within a couple of weeks.

Dana volunteered for the Opportunity sector.

6. Officer Elections

→ Objective: Elect 2017-18 HSC Officers

At 6:34 pm, Al moved the nominations be closed nominating Jovan as president, Korbett as vice chair, and Kelly as the secretary. Sean seconded, and all eight present commissioners voted aye.

7. Manager Update

→ Objective: Discussion led by Pam Duncan

Al Ratcliffe's last HSC meeting after 12 years of service to the condition. Pam wanted to express her great appreciation for Al's selfless gift of time, energy, and knowledge to move the mission of the City forward. Al has been the reflection of a truly committed Commissioner.

8. Other Business

The meeting scheduled for May 10th is cancelled in lieu of the retreat on May 13th. Al wanted to address the mental health oversight work at 6:35 pm. A draft of a plan has been established and five people have said they're interested in being active in the meeting. The intent is not to go in and audit, but to look at the system to be curious observers to improve the system.

Al shared at 6:38 pm that he attended the Homeless Commission meeting in March and asked the city to reconsider the City's take on encampments and tiny home communities. Al would like to know which City staff should be followed up with in regards to this issue.

At 6:42 Al thanked the Commission and said it was an honor to serve over his 12 years and that he was thankful for the opportunity to be a servant to his community.

Pam gave Al some parting gifts at 6:43 and mentioned that he would be invited to a Council meeting to be honored.

At 6:45 Adam shared here are 10 applicants in queue for the three open Commissioner spots.



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The May 10th meeting is cancelled due to the May 13th retreat.

Public Comment
No public comment

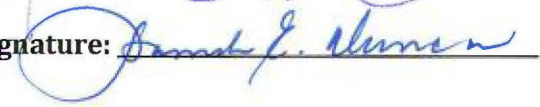
Motion for adjournment at 6:46 by Sean was seconded by Kelly and approved by all 8 present members.

Upcoming Events:

HSC Retreat	5/13/2017	Center for Urban Waters

HSC Chair Signature: 

Date: 6/14/17

City of Tacoma Staff Signature: 

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