

The Human Services Commission approved these minutes on February 7, 2017

CITY OF BELLEVUE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES

January 19, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
City Council Conference Room 1E-120

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Villar, Commissioners Kline, Mercer, Oxrieder, Perelman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioners Bruels, McEachran

STAFF PRESENT: Emily Leslie, Alex O'Reilly, Dee Dee Catalano, Department of Parks and Community Services

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gerry Lindsay

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began without a quorum at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was achieved at 6:08 p.m. Chair Villar presided.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon the call of the roll, all Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Perelman, who arrived at 6:09 p.m., and Commissioners Bruels and McEachran, both of whom were excused.

3. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

4. STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Chair Villar reported that she recently read *On Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. She noted that the book touches on the goal of helping seniors age in place and have the options they need to live out their senior years. She recommended the book to the Commissioners and staff.

Human Services Manager Emily Leslie commented that over the weekend there had been an incident of arson at the Islamic Center of the Eastside. A suspect was apprehended and is in custody. The person arrested was homeless and had visited the day center operated by Congregations for the Homeless where the outreach worker had tried to engage with him without success.

Ms. Leslie said whether or not the incident will have an impact on the siting of the permanent shelter remains unknown. A large number of Eastgate residents attended the January 17 City Council meeting to address the shelter issue. That same evening a homeless person at the Eastgate park and ride made threatening statements on a bus, triggering the need to lock down the bus and call out the SWAT team.

With the arrival of Commissioner Perelman at 6:09 p.m., Chair Villar noted that a quorum had been established.

Ms. Leslie reported that All Home has started up again. The coordinating board and the Funder Alignment Committee have both met. A new structure is in place and the various committees are ramping up again.

Grant Coordinator Dee Dee Catalano said she has been busy working on the contracts for 2017-2018. Several agencies have a single contract funded by several different cities, and to make it easier for them, the various cities pay into an account from which Bellevue draws to pay all of the quarterly invoices. The city has some 20 pooled contracts that it handles.

Intern Kayla Valy reported that on January 16 she attended an MLK Day celebration health fair at Crossroads Mall. A number of healthcare providers participated along with people who assisted people in signing up for insurance. A petition was circulated to save Obamacare. The event culminated in a spoken word presentation by Christian Paige that was amazing.

Ms. Valy reminded the Commissioners about the first Bellevue Community Resource Fair scheduled for January 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bellevue Library. Invitations to area agencies were sent out and some 12 additional agencies stepped up to say they had not been included on the invitations list. There will be a large number of providers participating.

5. DISCUSSION

A. Review Amendment to 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan

Ms. Catalano brought before the Commission an amendment to the 2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan. She explained that according to the citizen participation plan for CDBG, all minor and major amendments must be reviewed by the Commission, though the Commission does not have to take action.

Ms. Catalano said the first element of the proposed amendment was in response to HUD's rule that the exact amount of program income earned in a year must be included in the year's action plan. The problem is that the amount of program income

earned in any given year cannot be known until the year ends, and the Action Plan is due to HUD much earlier in the year. Accordingly, the Plan must be amended annually in January to reflect the exact amount of program income received.

The second element of the proposed amendment was focused on the International Community Health Service project to provide \$80,000 for architectural and engineering services for the Bellevue clinic remodel. The project was canceled after it was learned two businesses would be displaced by the renovation project. Under federal law where projects receive federal funding, if the project will displace a business, relocation and reestablishment costs must be paid. The agency turned down the CDBG grant funds and intends to move forward with the project without federal funding. The Action Plan, however, must show recapture of the funds. As proposed, the funds will be reallocated to the Major Home Repair Program, which is in line with the approved contingency plan.

Ms. Catalano said the third element of the proposed amendment was to allocate a portion of the funds over and above what was estimated to be received from program income to the Major Home Repair Program. The \$200,000 in program income that was initially projected was exceeded by \$116,401. She said the proposal was to take \$70,000 of the additional program income and combine it with the \$80,000 in recaptured funds from ICHS, for a total of \$150,000.

Ms. Catalano said notice of the proposed amendment to the Action Plan had been published in the *Seattle Times*. Citizens have ten days to provide comments. Because a project that was approved by the Council is to be canceled, the issue must be brought to the Council. It will be on the Council's consent calendar for February 21.

Commissioner Kline asked if the word "canceled" needs to be used given that in fact the project will be going forward without CDBG funds. Ms. Catalano explained that according to HUD, the project activity will in fact be canceled.

Ms. Catalano said following the Council's consent, the amended Action Plan will be submitted to HUD with King County and the other cities.

Commissioner Kline asked if Bellevue is a sanctuary city. Ms. Leslie said Bellevue does not have a defined ordinance with the word "sanctuary" in it. However, there are on the books policies that could be considered to be sanctuary policies.

Ms. O'Reilly reported that a briefing on the needs assessment update has been tentatively scheduled on the Council's April 10 agenda.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Tour of Eastside Winter Shelter for Men

The Commissioners traveled to the site of the Eastside winter shelter for men.

7. OLD BUSINESS – None

8. NEW BUSINESS – None

9. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Villar adjourned the meeting after the tour of the men’s winter shelter, at about 8:00 p.m.

Secretary to the Human Services Commission

Date

Chairperson of the Human Services Commission

Date