

The Human Services Commission approved these minutes on September 8, 2016

CITY OF BELLEVUE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES

July 7, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
City Council Conference Room 1E-113

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

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

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gerry Lindsay

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair McEachran who presided.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon the call of the roll, all Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Perelman who arrived at 6:49 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 7, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Villar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bruels and the motion carried unanimously.

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Stephanie Cherrington, Executive Director of Eastside Pathways, made the Commission aware of a recent significant cut in funding by the Puget Sound ESD for Head Start slots at the Bellevue School District. She said it is another example of funding flowing out of the Eastside community. Eastside Pathways, a community partnership of nearly 60 organizations, concluded it should respond to the Puget

Sound ESD. She provided the Commission with a copy of the letter which was signed by the leadership committee chaired by Amy Mack and vice-chair Patti Skelton-McGougan as well as the superintendent of the Bellevue School District Dr. Tim Mills. The second step in the multipronged approach to responding to the cut involves supporting the Bellevue Schools Foundation that is putting together a campaign to help backfill some of the funding lost, and the third step involves galvanizing support for a broader campaign on the Eastside to create awareness of the significant need so funding will not continue to be lost.

Ms. Lynn Juniel with the Bellevue Schools Foundation said the mission of the organization is to develop, promote and fund the best possible learning environment for all students in the Bellevue School District, including the youngest and most vulnerable kids who will be hit hard and left out in the cold because of the funding cut. The importance of a good start in preschool, especially for low-income children, cannot be overstated. The Foundation is spearheading a campaign to help backfill the almost \$1 million that was cut from the District's budget. The Foundation is communicating with potential donors, planning fundraising events, reaching out to like-minded non-profits and partners. School starts on September 1 and the focus is on making sure no children are left out in the cold.

Ms. Cherrington quoted Deanne Puffert, Executive Director of Child Care Resources, who said as a long-time early learning professional she has experienced the debilitating impacts cuts to early learning services can have on children and families. Cutting all of the Head Start slots in Bellevue is a huge loss to Bellevue's diverse and needful low-income community of families and children. The importance of the Head Start slots and corresponding services cannot be overstated, particularly in communities where there are huge income disparities that result in few other available options for the families.

Ms. Sim Win said she is the parent of children who go to Head Start and the Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) program. She spoke in support of funding for the Head Start program in the Bellevue School District. She said the Head Start program prepared her children for kindergarten and taught them to be social, to respect other cultures, and to eat nutritional foods. The hardworking staff really care and they go above and beyond what is asked of them. Without Head Start programs, low-income families cannot afford quality childcare. Records have shown that kids in quality childcare preschools score higher on their assessment tests. She said her children serve as proof that the program prepares children for successful futures.

Speaking through a Spanish interpreteter Ms. Lydia Silva, Marta said she is a mother of three who works at home and who uses the Head Start services. She said everyone knows the importance of preschool for the future and careers of students. She said her children have benefited from the Head Start program. The program is very important for the community and hopefully it will continue. The progress being made by her children is evident. She said her son just completed kindergarten and is

enrolled in a bilingual program. She thanked the Commission for helping with the program and said she hopes to see the program continue.

Also utilizing the translation services of Ms. Silva, Ms. Adrian Ortega said she has two children, one of which went to Head Start. She said the program is very important. She said her son was very shy at the beginning of the year and challenged because the family speaks only Spanish at home, but has improved a lot in the Head Start program. Now he likes to cooperate and communicate with the other children. The teachers have done a very good job with him. She said hers is a low-income family that cannot afford preschool and said she hopes her daughter will also have the opportunity to attend Head Start.

Ms. Tia Burner Dino said her four-year-old started with Head Start when he was three. She said her son was very shy in the beginning but developed quickly and is learning about eating healthy. She said she was brokenhearted when she learned that the Head Start program had lost funding. The program helps a lot of children.

Ms. Debra Doitch, Director of Early Learning for the Bellevue School District, said she has been working closely with the district in response to the loss of funding for the Head Start program. The news did not break until the middle of June and the contract ended on June 30. The District is looking at where funds can be freed and what strategies can be utilized. The District will contribute some to the program, but it will not be enough to backfill the entire loss.

Ms. Chelsie Gray said she is a full-year teacher for Head Start and said the kids are her heart. She said in two years children will enter kindergarten who have never seen a classroom. They will know nothing about classroom rules, classroom routines, or how to problem solve by talking with their peers. The data shows that the kids coming into Head Start as three-, two- and one-year-olds quickly get up to par with their peers. Hopefully the community will find a way to sponsor the preschoolers, many of whom have already started their journey.

Mr. Art Noon said he volunteers with the New Bethlehem Project. He spoke representing the many supporters of the project who have already contributed many volunteer hours and nearly \$475,000 toward accomplishing the objectives. The money was raised in a fairly short period of time from individuals and families. He delivered to the Commission a small stack of letters from supporters to indicate the supporters are both concerned about and active in addressing the issue of homelessness on the Eastside, particularly family homelessness. He encouraged the Commission to support a partnership in the future by funding New Bethlehem. The project came about as an initiative of several churches and organizations interested in taking action with regard to homelessness on the Eastside. The project is taking a three-pronged approach that will begin with the opening of a new day center in the basement of the Salt church in Kirkland near Lake Washington High School. It is scheduled to open in the fall as the only day center on the Eastside focused on families with children under the age of 18. The project is also focused on extending

the operations of the existing emergency overnight shelters and on seeing a permanent emergency shelter for families.

Family, Youth and Teen Services Manager Helena Stephens, Department of Parks and Community Services, addressed the issue of wraparound services and how it is different from the human services specialists and the home to school family liaison positions within the schools. She said wraparound services came to be in the 2004-2005 time period as an opportunity for the city, the school district and United Way to act collaboratively to provide additional and different types of services within the school setting. In particular, one issue that came to the attention of the city was that teachers were overloaded with trying to provide social services to their students and their families, interfering with their ability to focus on academic quality. In addition, Lake Hills Elementary was set to undergo a transformation in a new building, and the city was in the process of looking at how to revitalize the surrounding Lake Hills neighborhood. It was decided that the new school building would be the perfect place to house a new program. The wraparound services coordinator position was based on the Sun model out of Portland and the intent was for the coordinator to bring in a variety of different community groups and services for the school as a whole, to create greater partnerships between the school and various agencies, and to provide additional services to neighborhood residents around the school itself, helping the neighbors to see the school as a community hub. Since the program began there has been a great deal of growth within the school district. The human services specialist and the home to school family liaison positions have been incorporated into several schools, and wraparound services now is at both Lake Hills and Stevenson elementary schools.

Ms. Stephens provided the Commissioners with a handout that clarified how the human services specialist, home to school family liaison and wraparound services programs differ from each other. She pointed out that wraparound services coordinates community partnerships and activities for the neighborhood within the school's geographical boundaries. One example of a recent partnership was with Walgreens to do vaccinations at Stevenson which saw 365 people participate. Another example is the annual blueberry festival operated in partnership with the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association and some 30 different service providers that sees up to 700 participants each year. The wraparound program is fully funded by the city of Bellevue and the staff are city employees.

The primary focus of the human services specialist is on making sure students in the respective schools have food, assistance with clothing and housing. They work directly with students to identify the needs. The home to school family liaison works directly with the parents and the families. Both of those positions are partially funded by the city at a rate of about 17 percent, and the employer is the Bellevue School District, largely via a grant from the Human Services Commission.

Ms. Stephens said the wraparound services program also brings in outside grants and resources that can be dispersed at the school. The school is often a beneficiary.

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5. STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Villar noted that she had attended the joint human services commissions and advisory committees to talk about affordable housing and how it is increasingly becoming a regional issue. It was explained that King County is taking over coordinated entry from Catholic Community Services. There will be five regional hubs, each of which will offer identical services and assessments.

Human Services Manager Emily Leslie noted that while it was reported at the joint meeting that no agency answered the RFP to serve as a regional access point for the Eastside, Catholic Community Services has since submitted an application.

Commissioner Villar said assessments will be done that will determine the level of need for housing. Those who rank zero to three will be addressed with triage services but will not qualify for affordable housing. Those with a rank of between four and six will qualify for affordable housing, while those ranked from seven to ten will qualify for affordable housing with high-needs services. Those eligible will be put on the wait list for housing, but someone with a score of five will be given priority over someone with a score of four, even if the person with the lower score was added to the wait list first. It could be as long as a year before people will be reassessed for need.

Chair McEachran reported that he attended the Affordable Housing Community Forum. The panel included representatives from Imagine Housing and The Sophia Way as well as the Bellevue School District. The meeting was very informative.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Human Services Funding Application Review - CDBG Applications with Staff Reviews & Preliminary Funding

Grant Coordinator Dee Dee Catalano said as a direct entitlement city, Bellevue receives funds directly from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is responsible for administering them. The city never knows in advance, however, how much the allocation will be, and the 2017 amount will not be known until sometime in 2017. The estimate is that the city will receive \$635,872. She explained the percentages that could be used for planning and administration as well as for public services before briefly reviewing the list of applications.

Commissioner Mercer pointed out that the request for capital dollars from the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club involves purchasing the building which they currently rent from the city and she asked if the CDBG rules allow for allocating funds to an agency that will ultimately be given back to the city. Ms. Catalano said she confirmed with HUD that that is in fact allowed.

Commissioner Kline asked how far along the Boys & Girls Club is in the process of purchasing the building. Ms. Catalano said they are still in the process of seeking funding. They are asking the city for \$150,000 and Microsoft for \$200,000, but those funds are not yet secured. The city has also not formally agreed to sell the building but once the due diligence is done an agreement will be signed, provided the agency can come up with the funding.

With regard to the Major Home Repair Program, Commissioner Mercer said it was her understanding that the program has actually been running ahead on the amount of money they had. Ms. Catalano explained that since the last update, the program has caught up on its backlog and is able to expend more money. An additional \$200,000 for the Home Repair Program is being sought, with \$116,493 for administration and \$323,507 for projects.

Ms. Catalano said Sound Generations was asked if they could spend more money in 2017 if there were more money to give. Their answer was an additional \$14,300 would allow them to serve 50 households rather than 45, which would bring their request to \$95,000.

Ms. Catalano said the total funds requested add up to \$923,147. It is estimated that when 2017 begins, there will be \$312,970 in unspent prior year funds. Adding to that the estimated \$635,872 allocation for 2017 and an estimated \$200,000 from program income, the total reaches \$1,148,842.

Commissioner Mercer observed that there was no request from ARCH. Ms. Catalano said ARCH did not apply because any project for which they use Bellevue CDBG funds must be spent in Bellevue, and that has proved to be a problem for the organization. Additionally, their projects can take several years to spin up, which runs up against the HUD rules regarding timeliness.

With regard to the proposed contingency plan, Ms. Catalano explained that if the entitlement amount is more than estimated, the first additional funds will flow to the Major Home Repair Program. If there are still additional funds, the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club will be approached to see if they could use more toward purchasing the building. There is no expectation that the allocation will exceed the projection. If funding is reduced, the spending caps for administration and planning and public service will be verified first, then the allocation to Jewish Family Service will be reduced first, followed by Sound Generations and then the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club. The Boys & Girls Club has indicated it could still move forward with its project if funded at only \$95,000 rather than the requested \$150,000.

A motion to approve the 2017 CDBG proposals was made by Commissioner Mercer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bruels and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the 2017 CDBG contingency plan was made by Commissioner Bruels. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Villar and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Leslie explained that she had put in a request for an additional \$248,000 for programs addressing homelessness that particularly relate to the Council's priorities. The internal budget process has passed the first stage where the results teams rank all of the budget proposals from the various departments. The human services proposal was ranked at number one in the category of Quality Neighborhoods and Innovative, Vibrant and Caring Communities. Those proposals have been passed on to the Leadership Tteam where the focus will turn to specific dollar amounts, including the additional requests that were submitted that totaled almost \$7 million for the general fund. She suggested the Commission should hold off on taking any final vote on funding until September by which time the leadership team will have made its proposal.

The spreadsheet shared with the Commission two scenarios for consideration pointed out that for the applications specifically related to homelessness, the Commission had preliminarily recommended funding \$307,995, leaving a gap of \$108,497 to fully fund the requests. Under the second scenario, the staff recommendation showed funding in the amount of \$258,413, leaving a gap of \$158,079 to be addressed with additional funds.

Commissioner Mercer pointed out that in addition to asking for nearly \$160,000 more, the allocation for the specific programs listed represented a 25 percent increase over the previous allocation. Ms. Leslie said the Commission could elect to move more into the additional investment column, but the move could be risky.

Commissioner Bruels said the gamble would lie in the sense that if the extra money is not received, it would be necessary to go back to the list of applications and redetermine how the general fund dollars should be distributed.

Commissioner Kline asked if the Commission has in the past ever been successful in seeking additional funding at the Leadership Team level. Ms. Leslie said there are two ways additional funding could be realized. The preferred way is through the budget process. During the last budget process, additional funding was requested and denied, and the Commission decided to go to the Council with a special request. At the last minute, however, the City Manager told the Parks & Community Services Department to find a way to fund the additional request. During the recession, the Commission's Council liaison pushed through a request for additional funds. The Commission will not know at the time of the public hearing what the recommended funding level will be, but by September should have a pretty good idea of what the chances are of receiving additional funding.

Commissioner Kline asked if the additional funding requests made by other city departments included anything related to homelessness. Ms. Leslie said there were none that she was aware of.

Attention was given next to the applications previously flagged for additional discussion.

3. Catholic Community Services: Eastside Winter Shelter for Families

Commissioner Bruels proposed moving \$12,500 to the special request list.

Commissioner Villar suggested the move would be a gamble in the event the additional funds are not realized. Commissioner Bruels agreed but pointed out that the Commission's recommendations were still at the preliminary stage and if no additional funds are approved, the Commission would simply figure out another way.

Commissioner Villar countered that if the \$12,500 is allocated to some other application in the hope that additional funds will be awarded, going back will require taking the funds away from the other application and trigger disappointment and confusion. She proposed keeping the funding for the winter shelter for families at \$25,000, and there was agreement to do that.

In discussing Application 29, however, the decision was made to preliminarily recommend \$21,367.

5. Catholic Community Services: New Bethlehem Day Center for Families

Commissioner Mercer proposed reducing the allocation to zero and moving the entire amount to the special request list. She argued that while the winter shelter is an ongoing program, the proposed day center is a new program.

Commissioner Villar said she would prefer to leave the funding at \$12,500 as previously recommended by the Commission. She recommended at least partially funding every program that has been highlighted for new dollars.

7. Congregations for the Homeless: Eastside Winter Shelter

Commissioner Perelman said she could support the recommendation made by staff to preliminarily recommend \$63,029 and to place the balance on the special request list.

Ms. Leslie noted that the request is quite large, but because of the Council's priorities it stands a good chance of being funded.

Commissioner Mercer pointed out that the agreement to fund Application 3 at \$25,000 and not putting any of it onto the special request list, another application

could be reduced by the \$12,500 that had been recommended for additional funds. She proposed preliminarily recommending \$50,000 for Application 7.

Commissioner Villar argued in favor of ensuring that certain applications will move forward successfully, even if no additional funds are approved.

There was agreement to move ahead with an allocation of \$63,029.

10. Congregations for the Homeless: Outreach

There was agreement to preliminarily allocate \$36,312 as proposed by staff, with the balance to be included on the special request list.

13. Emergency Feeding Program: Emergency Feeding Program

There was agreement not to change the Commission's preliminary recommendation not to fund the application.

14. Friends of Youth: Homeless Young Adult Housing

There was agreement to reduce the preliminary allocation to the COLA amount of \$88,960.

17. Hopelink: Emergency Food

There was agreement to divide the 2016 award of \$11,363 to the Emergency Feeding Program between Application 17 and Application 23, yielding a preliminarily recommendation of \$64,352 for Application 17.

18. Hopelink: Emergency Services Financial Assistance

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$31,778.

19. Hopelink: Housing

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$87,765.

22. Lifewire: Housing Stability

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$10,500.

23. Renewal Food Bank: Renewal Food Bank

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$20,000.

28. The Salvation Army: Eastside

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$15,874.

29. Sophia Way: Eastside Winter Shelter for Women

It was noted that staff was recommending preliminarily funding the application at \$12,500.

Commissioner Mercer cautioned that doing so would reduce the additional amount needed by \$25,000, bringing the total amount needed to fund the full requests to just over \$130,000. She said the scenario presented by staff is what will be used to back up the case for additional funds, and reducing the total will jeopardize the ability to get more money out of the budget.

Commissioner Villar said the risk is not having money to fund other programs if no additional funds are approved.

Ms. Leslie said the Commission should clearly indicate which applications and programs it wants to see adequately funded, and it should do so with the general fund dollars. She said it will be made clear to the agencies that the funding recommendations are only preliminary and that an additional ask has been submitted.

Commissioner Bruels said his argument with having to deal with general fund dollars and possible backdoor allocations is that it is very difficult to allocate funds if there is no clear picture as to how much money there is to allocate.

Ms. Leslie said the Commission knows what funds it has for sure. Commissioner Mercer agreed but stressed the need to have a strong argument in support of any additional funds requested. The amount that has been requested is \$248,000, but the amount shown on the scenarios spreadsheet indicates a need of just over \$130,000, and it will be very difficult to argue for anything more than the \$130,000. Ms. Leslie said the scenarios spreadsheet is information staff will have.

Commissioner Villar said one of the strongest arguments will be that there are wraparound services traditionally supported by the city that may go wanting if the money is put primarily into affordable housing and homelessness. Commissioner Mercer agreed and said the request for the full \$248,000 in additional funding is valid so that the continuum of services can also be funded. The Commission should come up with a list of what the Commission wants to fund relative to homelessness, along with a list of other things that will be cut unless additional dollars are allocated.

Commissioner Villar pointed out that Application 29 had been split into Applications 3 and 29. She suggested taking the 2016 award amount of \$40,088, adding a COLA to

it, dividing it in half and giving Applications 3 and 29 the resulting amount, which would be \$21,367. There was consensus to do that.

31. The Sophia Way: Women's Day Center

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$38,927.

32. YWCA: Family Village

Ms. Leslie said one issue that arose at the joint meeting on July 28 was that because the system changes are in flux, it will be important to maintain funding for regional programs until the dust settles. Once the system changes have occurred, it might make sense to pull out all the homeless programs and have the Eastside cities review them as a system.

Commissioner Mercer asked why the application had not been included on the special request list. Ms. Leslie said the programs on that list do not include housing programs, only shelters, day centers and crisis intervention and prevention programs. Commissioner Mercer asked if the Family Village application could be added to the special request list along with the food and emergency services programs. Ms. Leslie explained that she would not add the food programs, and that emergency financial assistance is a homeless prevention program and is already on the special request list. She said Hopelink housing and the Family Village could be added to the list as well. Commissioner Mercer suggested that would bolster the reasoning for the ask.

Commissioner Kline asked if the projects on the special request list will be locked in should the additional funding be granted. Ms. Leslie allowed that they would be.

Commissioner Mercer proposed moving the Hopelink housing program to the special request list at the very least and consider moving the Family Village application as well.

Commissioner Perelman clarified that the increased ask from the YWCA resulted from a change in their formula and would not translate into additional people being served.

Commissioner Kline said one significant element to the Commission's success in the past with getting additional funding has been the credibility with the numbers put forward.

Commissioner Bruels said he was persuaded by that argument to leave things as they were.

Commissioner Kline asked to be reminded as to why the Commission had preliminarily recommended only half of the requested amount. Commissioner Villar said it was because the cost per unit for Bellevue was significantly higher than the

cost per unit for Redmond, and the clear reason behind the ask was that Bellevue has a larger budget.

Ms. Leslie pointed out, however, that at the joint meeting it was made clear that the focus needs to shift to a regional approach. Even though some of the units will be changed to permanent supportive housing and will therefore house Redmond residents instead of Bellevue residents, there is a clear need to take the systemwide view in funding programs. She proposed recommending \$26,000 from the general fund and putting the balance of the \$52,972 in the special request list. There was agreement to take that approach.

37. Bellevue School District: Human Services

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$67,117.

42. Chinese Information and Service Center: Cultural Navigator Program

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$66,146.

62. Refugee Women's Alliance: Domestic Violence Support Group

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$15,000.

64. Bridge Disability Ministries: Mobility

It was noted that the Commission had been evenly split on whether or not to fund the application. Given the budget numbers, the decision was made not to fund it.

Commissioner Villar pointed out that the requested amount is a very small portion of the program's overall budget and would not have a significant impact.

72. International Community Health Services: Dental

Commissioner Villar commented that the Commission had decided the amount of funding should be held flat as a way of sending a message to the agency.

Commissioner Mercer suggested reducing the allocation to \$40,000 and her suggestion was agreed to.

88. Bellevue School District: Early Learning Programs

Commissioner Villar argued that a COLA increase would not be enough to offset the loss of Head Start funding. Commissioner Kline agreed that the Commission should be able to point to the application and say it did what it could.

There was agreement to preliminarily recommend \$123,039.

Commissioner Kline asked if Bellevue College lost its Head Start money. Ms. O'Reilly said it was her understanding that they had not lost their slots. On the Puget Sound ESD website there is press release that offers some insight. The district received 90 percent of the funds from the five-year Head Start grant that was awarded to the district, which accounts for the ten percent cut. In all, 399 enrollment opportunities in Pierce and King counties were cut, of which 151 were in King County. In order to accommodate the cuts, agency staff looked at many factors using a risk assessment process that reflects Puget Sound ESD's early learning existing areas of monitoring priorities. The tool measures risk in several areas, including administration and family engagement. The federal government gives the awarded funds to the contracted administrative agency, which for Pierce and King counties is the Puget Sound ESD. Puget Sound ESD then processes the increases or decreases.

Commissioner Mercer asked if the Commission could receive copies of the Bellevue School District's grant applications. Ms. O'Reilly said she was not sure if an application process is used but agreed to ask.

Commissioner Kline asked if the district will be coming forward with a special request for one-time funding. Ms. O'Reilly said she did not know.

Commissioner Villar noted that the Commission funded Application 6, Congregations for the Homeless Drop-In Center, with \$12,345. The new request is for \$45,000 and the Commission preliminarily agreed to allocate \$25,000. She said she could support taking \$5000 to \$10,000 from the program and use the funds. Commissioner Kline said it would be better to go with a COLA increase only.

The Commission agreed to recommend funding the program at \$123,039.

47. India Association of Western Washington: IAWW Community

Commissioner Villar said she had originally recommended \$15,500, based on \$100 per service unit.

Commissioner Perelman suggested that \$10,000 would be a better starting point. The Commission settled on that number.

56. Crisis Clinic: Teen Link

Commissioner Villar said she could support giving only a COLA increase.

Commissioner Bruels argued in favor of keeping the allocation at \$10,000. Commissioner Perelman proposed \$8000 and there was agreement to go with that number.

61. Lifewire: My Sister's House

Commissioner Perelman asked why the Commission had recommended funding the full request, which represents a substantial increase over the previous allocation. Ms. O'Reilly said the requested amount reflects the cost to operate the shelter and includes a proportionate share of shelter supplies, sheets, clothing, food, overhead for shelter staff and other particulars.

Commissioner Perelman proposed lowering the allocation by \$8485, the amount needed to balance the requests with the amount of available funding. The suggestion was accepted and it was decided to move the balance over to the special request list given that the program involves shelter.

Chair McEachran asked if any other application needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Perelman asked why the Commission had decided to fund only about half of the Application 52, Youth Eastside Services: Healthy Start , request. Ms. O'Reilly said the preliminary recommendation roughly matches what the agency received when the Healthy Start program was using a different model. The recommendation essentially correlates to flat funding.

Commissioner Mercer said if more money is received, some of it should be earmarked for the diversity programs, such as Application 47, India Association of Western Washington, and Application 42, Chinese Information and Service Center: Cultural Navigator Program.

Ms. Leslie said staff would review the numbers one last time and make sure all the rationale are included before sending it out again to the Commissioners to review.

7. OLD BUSINESS – None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Leslie informed the Commissioners that the Assistant City Manager found some dollars in the city budget to fund the Homeless Outreach Worker for the rest of the year. The position serves as a tremendous resource for the police. Tent City IV is coming to Bellevue in July and outreach will be conducted there.

Ms. Leslie reported that the interim shelter for men in the day center is still moving forward. A conversation with the other tenant of the building was held and no objections were raised.

9. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Villar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oxrieder and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair McEachran adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Secretary of the Human Services Commission

Date

Chairperson of the Human Services Commission

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