



Housing, Health and Human Services Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes

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Subject	Meeting Agenda	Date	September 1, 2021
Recorder	Kim Hendrickson	Start Time	4:00 PM
Committee Chair	Councilmember Lord	End Time	4:43 PM
Committee Members	Councilmembers Britt Livdahl, Connie Lord, David Musgrove		
Staff Expected	Mayor Erickson, Kim Hendrickson, Director, Housing, Health and Human Services		
Public Attending	Kathy Forsee, Poulsbo Chamber; Garry Wanner, Kitsap Association of Realtors		
Agenda			
No.	Topic	Action/Recommendation/Discussion	
1.	Administrative		
A	Questions and Concerns of Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (at :22) Councilmember Musgrove noted that the Kingston Citizens Advisory Council will consider Kitsap Public Health District's recent declaration that racism is a public health crisis (9/8).	
B	Agenda Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No changes (at 1:58)	
C	Committee Minutes August 4, 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Considered and approved (at 2:37)	
D	Mayor, Department Head Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (at 3:03) Kim updated Committee on County COVID data and testing efforts at City Hall garage, Northpoint "back to school" vaccination event, work on Homeless Services Grant Review Committee, recent recognition of Fire CARES team as Mariner's Hometown Heroes.	
2.	Agenda Items		



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A	Rental Increases at Winton Woods	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion (at 9:24)</p> <p>Kim provided background on Winton Woods I. WW was built as an affordable housing property and was financed by a federal affordable housing program called Rural Development 515. The loan was paid off in 2019 which gave owners the ability to charge market rate rents. Some low-income renters were given a housing voucher called a USDA-RD voucher to subsidize the new rent and enable them to remain in their homes. (These renters pay a small rent, each month, and the rest of the rent is paid with the voucher.)</p> <p>Rents will raise for Winton Woods I residents on October 1 and the USDA voucher does not increase in value to reflect this change. The property manager at WW has identified 9 individuals who will face extreme financial hardship when rent is increased and are at risk of homelessness: virtually all are living on a fixed income because of age or disability. The cost to cover this rent increase for 9 residents is around \$18,000 for one year.</p> <p>Kim contacted the County, HSC, Bremerton Housing Authority and Fishline to see if funds might be available, in the short term, to offset the rent increase-and give residents time to explore other options. Difficult since this situation does not meet COVID hardship criteria for rental assistance.</p> <p>Councilmember Musgrove talked about the impact even a small rental increase has on people with fixed incomes and the importance of preventing homelessness. Mayor Erickson not opposed to using City 1406 funds for rental assistance but there needs to be a policy document explaining who is eligible and the income criteria for assistance.</p> <p>Next steps: Kim will see if the landlord will give us any flexibility and if Rep Kilmer might assist. H3 will consider a set aside amount for rental assistance from the 1406 funds at a special meeting and a possible policy for administering funds.</p>
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B	Update Nordic Cottage Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed (at 30:12) City Attorney working on agreement needed to move forward with Housing Kitsap partnership; HK will be issuing a RFP for their in house architect within the next few weeks.
C	Training at City Hall September 2: Crisis Management for Behavioral Health Professionals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed (at 33:05) Poulsbo hosting training featuring the Executive Director from the Aspen Hope Center; participants will include police navigator, reps from local social service agencies, shelters and Kitsap Public Health.
Future Agenda Items		
Item(s)		Responsibility
Special Meeting to Discuss Winton Woods		Kim
		September 29

The Housing, Health and Human Services Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm. The Committee shall consider matters related to the health and well being of Poulsbo residents, with an emphasis on vulnerable populations. The Committee discusses City initiatives, programs and partnerships that address four community needs: (1) affordable and transitional housing, (2) low barrier behavioral health services, (3) public health and equitable access to health services and (4) services for individuals with low and limited income across age groups, with a focus on our youth and seniors.

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