



Housing, Health and Human Services Committee Minutes--Regular Meeting

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Subject	Meeting Minutes	Date	March 30, 2022
Recorder	Kim Hendrickson	Start Time	4:00 PM
Committee Chair	Councilmember Livdahl	End Time	4:41 PM
Committee Members	Councilmembers Britt Livdahl, Andrew Phillips, Ed Stern		
Staff and Public Attending	Mayor Erickson, Kim Hendrickson, Director, Housing, Health and Human Services; Kathi Foresee, Pam Keeley		
Agenda			
<p>Poulsbo is committed to being a welcoming, diverse, and equitable community where all people can access tools and opportunities to improve their quality of life, allowing them to reach their full potential. During its meetings, the Poulsbo City Council will use this lens to inclusively view its discussions and actions.</p>			
No.	Topic	Action/Recommendation/Discussion	
1.	Administrative		
A	Questions and Concerns of Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed Councilmember Stern mentioned Kenmore City Council's recent actions to assist renters-caps on move in fees and extension of notice time for rent increases.	
B	Agenda Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Considered-no changes	
C	Committee Minutes: 3/2/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Considered and approved	



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D	Mayor, Department Head Reports	<p>Kim updated committee on “responders and providers” meetings at the Port Gamble S’Klallam Health Center. Around 40 social service providers and first responders met yesterday to discuss ways to work collaboratively to help people in crisis. Some takeaways: high interest in expanding Fire CARES’ hours, recent increase in people who are homeless and unsheltered in Poulsbo.</p> <p>Start of a “senior corps” volunteer initiative in Poulsbo.</p> <p>Mayor Erickson expressed her interest in moving away from grants to fund co-responder positions. Budget conversation for fall. Mayor is also interested in working with WCIA to expand insurance coverage for our co-response programs. Councilmember Stern asked if a pool program might be formed with the help of AWC/MRSC.</p> <p>KMHS has re-opened its Poulsbo office</p>
2.	Agenda Items	
A	City Emergency Rental Assistance Program- Proposal for Extension	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed</p> <p>The City of Poulsbo receives state “1406” funds to be used for affordable housing (around 35k a year). Rental assistance is an accepted use of these funds. Earlier in the year, Council approved the use of \$7k for emergency rental assistance for individuals with fixed incomes who have experienced a recent rent increase. Assistance was capped at 6-months.</p> <p>Kim asked if assistance can be extended for 8 months since the 7k budget has not been reached. Mayor used her authority to authorize the change.</p> <p>Councilmember Stern asked how this assistance has been advertised. Notice was sent to residents of Winton Woods through their property manager and Fishline case managers were asked to share information about the program with anyone seeking rental assistance.</p>



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B	May 18 Council Workshop-Nordic Cottage Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed Workshop will give Council and public information about design, cost, zoning. Part of regular Council meeting.
c	Fire CARES Issues: (1) Use of City Liquor Tax Revenue to Enhance Fire CARES Program (2) Grant Opportunity through BHASO (3) City Fire ILA for 2022-2023 Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed The City collects liquor tax revenue from the State. We are obliged to use 2% (or more) of these funds for a substance use disorder program. Committee considered the use of liquor tax funds to support a substance use professional working with the CARES team; members supportive. Mayor and Kim working through liability issues. BHASO will soon issue a RFP for co-response programs; Committee approves working with Fire to apply for grant to expand Fire CARES. Mayor's goal: 24/7 service and teams throughout the County (North, Central, South). New ILA was shared, with Poulsbo Fire, to extend Fire CARES through 2023. Final draft will go to Council.
D	Update: Emergency Plan Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed Per Council direction, \$9600 in ARPA funds will be used to pay for an emergency plan review. Final ARPA agreement will go to Council.

Future Agenda Items

Item(s)	Responsibility	Meeting Date
Nordic Cottage Update; Architectural Services	Kim	May 4

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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