

Approved

Date: January 17, 2019

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: Centennial, Mountain View Conference Room #401

Attending: Zenovia Harris, Chair
TBD, Co-Chair
Bill Hallerman, Commissioner
Gina Bellisario, Commissioner
Rickie Robinson, Commissioner
Mike Heinisch, Commissioner
Andy Rosas, Commissioner
Sara Roach, Student
Merina Hanson, Human Services Manager
Lori Guilfoyle, Coordinator
Christine Cain, Coordinator
Taffy Johnson, UTOPIA
Kyra Doubek, KYFS
TJ Petersen, Resident

Absent:
Dinah Wilson, CDBG Coordinator
Dennis Higgins, Council Member
Vacant, Commissioner
Vacant, Student

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

One Commissioner absent.

3. Changes to the Agenda

There are no changes to the agenda.

4. Approval of November 15, 2018 Minutes

Commissioner Rosas **MOVED** to approve pending minutes from November 15, 2018. Commissioner Robinson **SECONDED**. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

5. Elect Chair and Chair-Elect

Commissioner Heinisch **MOVED** to nominate Commissioner Rickie Robinson as Chair-Elect. Commissioner Hallerman **SECONDED**. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

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6. UTOPIA – Presentation (Taffy Johnson)

UTOPIA (United Territories of Pacific Islanders Alliance) provides safety and sanctuary for community members, many of whom routinely experience hate, harassment and abuse, as well as rejection and disconnection from within the Pacific Islander community. They serve as a trusted, culturally aligned resource for Pacific Islanders in the LGBTQI community, by helping them access transgender health services, housing and other services. UTOPIA provides support groups and assistance for Pacific Islanders in the sex industry, providing testing kits, HIV prevention and screening, and contraceptives, as well as other important healthcare resources. They also work to connect QTPI to healthcare resources like insurance and preventative care to address health disparities.

7. KYFS – Presentation (Attached)

Kyra Doubek, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Victim Advocate, presented on history, trends, stats here in Kent and services available through Kent Youth and Family Services (KYFS). CESC refers to a range of crimes involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of a minor for financial benefit or in exchange for anything of value (including non-monetary benefits) given or received by any person. Kyra is housed at KYFS and works collaboratively with the Kent Police Department to provide resources and services for those identified as victims of human trafficking. This program serves youth ages 12–25. The primary focus of the work is prevention and providing direct services.

8. Updates

- The annual Point in Time Count is scheduled to occur January 25 between the hours of 2am and 6am. South King County is need of more volunteers. Registration and more information can be found at <http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/>
- Mayor was forwarded six Human Services Commission applications to review. Applications were narrowed down to three and interviews will be scheduled. One vacancy on the Commission will be filled, one alternate will be added, and we continue to have a vacant position for a student to fill.
- Staff will be presenting to Council on Homelessness in Kent at the Council Retreat February 3rd, 2019. The presentation will include perspectives from Law Enforcement, Public Works, and Parks.
- A Call to Action for the Youth Initiative is expected to be rolled out at the Council Workshop on February 5, 2019.

9. Adjournment

At 4:25 p.m. Zenovia Harris declared the meeting adjourned.

Christine Cain
Recording Secretary
January 17, 2019