



**Human Services Commission**  
Meeting Summary  
Monday, January 11, 2016, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Members Present:** Carolyn Mansfield, Valerie Bays, Gerald Wright, Steve Daschle, Will Maes, Josh McQueen

**Staff:** Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

**Guest:** Phoebe Anderson

Public Comment: none

December 14 Meeting Summary: approved

Child Care Resources Emergency Funding Request:

Phoebe Anderson from Child Care Resources presented. CCR is losing half of its program funding (\$500K) on February 1 due to changes in HUD funding priorities. CCR currently provides \$65K in homeless subsidies to Redmond residents each year. They are currently funded at \$5,202. Long term plan is to use reserves, potential funding from City of Seattle, Best Starts for Kids and fundraising from foundations. Bellevue allocated an additional \$15,000 last week. After much discussion, the commission approved the full amount of the request.

Updates from Commissioners:

- Youth – Val and Alaric are following up with another potential youth advisor
- Employment – no updates from Kellen
- Homelessness – Carolyn is on the Task Force Implementation Committee. They will be meeting this Friday.  
Gerald attended the library's Community Discovery Day on Wednesday. Good turnout (70) and 4 new agencies. He also testified in Olympia for Breakfast After the Bell. Suggestion for Marian from Redmond Library to talk at next month's meeting.
- Jason reported that Overlake Christian Church had a good meeting with Colleen and Redmond Police around their car camping program.

Updates from Staff:

- The Strategic Plan passed by Council. Monthly staff update reorganized with the 4 new strategic priority areas.
- Third emergency winter shelter will be opening later this month. \$15,000 from each of 4 Eastside cities, with another request for matching \$60K from County. For Redmond,

\$5,000 will come from Human Services reserve fund, \$10,000 from Mayor's contingency fund.

- Planning Commission is making a recommendation to Council regarding temporary encampment permits that will lower the fee to \$1,000, allow for up to 5 uses within a 5 year period, and allow encampments to stay for 6 consecutive months at a site each year.
- The City budgeting process will begin in the spring. Commission requested staff to keep them apprised of any opportunities for involvement to encourage increased funding.

#### Chair/Vice Chair Seats:

Carolyn was elected unanimously to serve as Chair in 2016. Val and Gerald were elected unanimously to serve as Vice Chairs. Val will serve through March, and Gerald will take on the position for the remainder of the year.

#### 2016 Work Plan:

Reviewed and modified draft work plan. See attached.

#### Response to Mayor's Letter:

Staff will follow up with other cities to see if there is interest in declaring a State of Emergency across Eastside. Commissioners request staff provide a timeline of events around the Thanksgiving week family homelessness crisis.

#### Community Engagement:

Activities added to 2016 work plan. Also consider adding a movie screening with community conversation and tour of Camp Unity. Assigned areas of interest for 2016:

- Youth – Val, Steve, Will
- Faith – Josh
- Community Engagement – Jason
- Homelessness – Carolyn
- Employment – Kellen
- Hunger - Gerald