COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION (CIC)

November 15, 2021

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

**Commissioners present:** Carol Redfield (she/her), Martha Lucas (she/her), Jasmine Aryana (she/her)

**Commissioners not in attendance:** Bill Southern (he/him)

**City of Seattle Staff present**: Laura Jenkins (DON, she/her), Angela Rae (DON, she/her), Francesca Murnan, Indigenous Advisory Council (DON/she, her)

**Others Present:** Cindi Barker, Karama Blackhorn, Michael Bailey, Robert Hanlon

***(Transcriber’s Note: The notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in voice recording and available upon request.***

# Public Comment

Cindi Barker; no comment at this time.

# Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The October 2021 Community Involvement Commission meeting minutes were approved by a quorum of commissioners.

# Presentation and Conversation with Angela Miyamoto, Senior Planner, Aging and Disability Services, Seattle Human Services Department

Aging and Disability Services Network’s response to COVID and food insecurity:

* The aging network structure has area agencies on aging throughout the entire country there are over 600 in the country and in Washington State there are 13 area agencies on aging.
* In King County:
  + Has 150 contracts with 70 community providers
  + 177 case managers
  + Served 51,000 individuals in King County in 2020
  + 2021 Budget: $82.6 million

Covid Pandemic

* Impacted health and meal sites as well as in-person wellness checks
* Service flexibility
* Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distribution
* Advocacy efforts
* Vaccine communication/coordination
* Social connectivity/digital equity – drop cards, virtual events, coffee hours, subtitled in English, Arabic, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese
* Tablets and hotspot distribution – partnered with various agencies to provide technical assistance support for those who needed it.
* Food Security – congregate nutrition, home delivered meals for those unable to leave their homes
* 50 meal sites throughout King County had to close and change how they ran the programs: volunteers, using school students, under employed people and City staff who couldn’t do their regular jobs and National Guards helped do meal delivery using neighborhood shuttles, Metro Access, organizations with volunteers were put to work doing meal delivery

Served over 1 million meals in 2020 which was 100,000 more than in 2019.

* In response to a question about meal site partners, Angela Miyamoto listed a number of senior sites and promised to get the commission a full list. [see link to list at the bottom of notes]
* In response to a question about evaluation they measured effectiveness of meal service by looking at how many meals were delivered but now are looking at what’s to come and what’s next.
* A big challenge is the cost of doing business – food supply, volunteers are all money intensive. Were able to use CARES Act and other one-time funding for service delivery. They are working with their provider networks to determine how they’ll continue in the future.
* Check in comes with home delivery and the congregate meal program comes more with staff and people are checked in by the staff.
* Mobility and exercise have been impacted, has the health impact of smoking.
* They are working with King County partners to provide some of the medical support that aging populations need.

# Update from Commission Staff Liaisons

Staff Liaison Jenkins:

* Recruitment – Staff Liaison Rae’s power went out and she was unable to attend.
* The hope is that City Council will appoint more Community Involvement Commission commissioners in January. There are currently 5-7 people in the process of being approved.
* The December meeting was scheduled for the 20th and may be cancelled.
* Possible 2022 Retreat – Looking at a 2022 retreat sometime in early 2022, January or February.
  + Commissioner Lucas felt that a retreat would allow the commissioners to meet in person before having a meeting.
  + Commissioner Aryana agreed. Staff Liaison Jenkins agreed to talk with Staff Liaison Rae about doing this.

# New Commissioner Onboarding Discussion

Staff Liaison Jenkins felt the new commissioner onboarding should include the items below asked the commission for input/feedback:

* Community Involvement Commission history & background
* Ice breaker
* Member Orientation Series
  + Introduction to the City’s Race & Social Justice Initiative
  + Ethics
  + Washington State Public Records Act
  + Managing and Retaining City Records
  + Open Public Meetings Act
* Commission Bylaws (commission structure, meeting frequency & expectations, co-chair & commissioner responsibilities, etc.)
* City staff liaison roles & responsibilities
* Background on Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
* Commissioner felt that if she had known the background and achievements of the Commission from the beginning, it would have been helpful.
* Commissioner Redfield: Is there a way to invite some former Commissioners to come to a meeting and explain the vision: past, present, and future would allow current and future Commissioners to ask questions?

# Public Comment

Cindi Barker: Suggested that Mayor-Elect Bruce Harrell be invited to a Community Involvement Commission meeting. Cindi felt his appearance at the retreat would be most helpful.

It was also suggested that Councilmember Dan Strauss join a Community Involvement Commission meeting because he is Chair of the Land Use and Neighborhoods Committees.

# Adjournment

Co-Staff Liaisons will follow up on the topics discussed. The meeting was adjourned.

Here is a link to a list of congregate meal sites, hours of operation, and site contact. Note, this is a pre-pandemic list so site schedules may have changed. It is best to contact the site coordinator for current information as things change constantly: <https://www.agingkingcounty.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/185/2021/02/2021SeniorCongregat-MealSites02042021-PDF.pdf>

Here are a couple links to articles about social connectivity and digital equity:

<https://www.agewisekingcounty.org/ill_pubs_articles/digital-equity-supporting-social-connectivity-for-older-adults/>

<https://www.agewisekingcounty.org/ill_pubs_articles/ads-ramps-up-efforts-to-promote-social-connectivity/>