

Implementation Board

King County Regional Homelessness Authority

KCRHA Implementation Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday,
August 11, 2021

2:00pm to 3:10pm

Virtual Meeting Link Available
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Roll Call:

Last	First	Present	Absent	Notes
Anderson	Carey		X	
Caminos	Nate	X		
Carvalho	Paula	X		
Chelminiak	John		X	
McHenry	Gordon	X		
Odom	Harold	X		
Pattenaude	Damien	X		
Quinn	Adrienne		X	
Ramos	Michael	X		
Rankin	Sara	X		
Reddy	Simha	X		
Spotted Elk	Wanita			<i>Lamont Green stepped aside to admit Wanita</i>

A quorum is present.

Welcome

Approval of Minutes

Nate Caminos calls for a motion to approve the July 14th Regular Meeting minutes and Agenda for this meeting.

Sara Rankin motions; **Paula Carvalho** seconds. All in favor, none opposed, Gordon McHenry Jr. abstained. The minutes are approved with consent without discussion.

Land Acknowledgement

Offered by Harold Odom

Public Comment 2:14 – 2:24 pm. Chat remained open until 2:34 pm.

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Bill Kirlin-Hackett, "Thank you all for your continued service. I have three things I want to say. I'll try to be very brief. One is especially in the outreach meetings we have in Seattle through the Hope team: There's a political control of available space at work. You probably have been watching the news, you know about that we're currently watching the clearing of City Hall Park. I'm not complaining about whether that's needed. But what happens is all the available shelter for other outreach efforts disappears. Prior to that, we had I-90 and the rock throwing - all the other available shelter disappeared. And prior to that, we have Third and Pine downtown or Third and Pike - all the other available shelter disappeared. All those were political decisions on how to use available shelter. This is gonna be an issue in the future, so I just want to alert you.

The second thing is we have outreach deserts. I've met with Alexis and been referring people to her - Alexis Rinck, subregional planner. We have deserts throughout of the county that are not getting outreach in any way, shape, or form. Most recently, we've had a case on Mercer Island where I'm getting calls from people who lived there that I know, and we just don't have outreach on Mercer Island. We've tried to bring people over from the East side or other sources.

The last thing I want to say is about the land acknowledgment. I'm a 100 percent for the land acknowledgments. But on Sunday, I saw in the *Times*, a full-page ad by the Muckleshoot Tribe. Now, I referred the Regional Planning to talk to the Tribes because I don't think they're included. They haven't been included in any of the plans we've had before, the 10-year the five-year or now, and the Muckleshoot Tribe was complaining about what we call the Duwamish tribes and what we call their long house has not being Duwamish, not being part of the treaties. So, I think we need to get some accurate information from the Tribes themselves. I don't want to have be party to one Tribe against another. I don't want to be misrepresenting what's true about treaties and other land acknowledgments, but I do think we've got a disagreement among the Indigenous people, right now that someone needs to address, and, when we do the land acknowledgement, we are either fostering the division or we're trying to help mitigate it. So, I do think presence of the Indigenous folks is critical and I do think we have failed to do that since we started the ten-year plan. Thanks."

Kristi H., "Hello, my name is Kristi Hamilton and I just came back from the dentist, so I'll try to gum my way through this. I'm smiling at least on one side of my face. And I'm one of your colleagues on the Advisory Board and I'm very glad to be invited to this meeting today. And I am an Assiniboine and Salish Kootenai woman. And I do give the land acknowledgments for our Advisory Board. And, as far as the Duwamish and the Muckleshoot feud, we need to stay out of that and just acknowledge that the Duwamish people were here and that the Muckleshoot people were here, and that Chief Sealth, who Seattle is named after, is actually very fortunate to have been born of both of those tribes. His mother was Muckleshoot, his father was Duwamish. And so, when we do land acknowledgments for our Advisory Board, we acknowledge not only the Duwamish tribes on which Seattle lives and is not a federally recognized tribe, but we recognize the Swinomish, the Stillaguamish, the Puyallups, the Chinooks and all the other tribes that are around. And I just wanted to bring that up in case you wanted to use that. And I'm just glad to be here today. I've been to a couple of your meetings and you run them very quickly and you run them with professionalism. And I'm very impressed and I hope that we can take that back to our Advisory Board. I'm glad to be a working partner with you looking forward to when

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we meet with the Governing Board and all of us meet as an entity. I look forward to us going forward in this venture. And I'm glad to be a part of this. And thank you, my relations.

Bill Kirlin-Hackett responded to Gordon McHenry Jr.'s request to clarify "loss of shelter". "We only have a certain number of shelter beds available per week in the Seattle host team circle, you know, and there's probably 50 outreach workers involved. And what ends up happening with some of the decisions to address what we consider a public issue, such as City Hall Park, which is right in front of everybody right now, is that the available shelter which they offer to folks going out then comes off the list of available shelter and it goes directly to those folks, due to a political decision. It's not like that encampment and that site didn't already need attention but it trumps everybody else. We've often said, well, if you really want to get shelter, go to a site that's in the headlines and they'll offer you shelter because otherwise it's very hard to find. So I just want to alert the RHA this will be an issue down the road when we don't have enough space and we don't know that we do yet in the future, are going to have enough space, I don't think there's much you can do about it right now. Except maybe the Governing Board can talk about it as an issue that folks can deal with a little bit more since there are elected officials on that board. So, thanks."

Shanee Colston "I just wanted to comment in regard to if you guys have any feedback in regards when people are not being referred in regard to the homeless CEA priority meaning that because I know somebody who knows somebody you get to skip the CEA portion and get directly into housing and I'm wondering who's held accountable when those types of fraudulent ways into housing are happening?"

Nate Caminos offered to work with staff, Marc and team to follow up and to contact her with information.

Subregional Planning Update

Alexis Mercedes Rinck offered a brief update on subregional planning activities and stakeholder engagement, with follow-up at a work/study session to be scheduled for an upcoming date. Nate Caminos reminded Board members to volunteer for study session option.

Financial Systems Update

Marc Dones presented a brief update on current finances and system implementation. Francis & Co. are administering two systems: Accounting System (go live estimated Nov. 1) and Branch Management System (go live estimated Dec. 1).

Briefing on the role of Advisory Committee and Implementation Board

Peter Lynn initiated a discussion on the role of the committees and board.

Adjournment

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Sara Rankin made motion for adjournment; **Damien Pattenaude** seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday September 8, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM

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