

CITY OF BELLEVUE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION – PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-112

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Singh, Commissioners, Hays, White, Phan, Gonzalez
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Rashid

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Eileen Chou, Commissioners Chianglin, Clark,
Kronoff, Trescases, Valverde
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Clima

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Stangland, Toni Esparza, Donna Adair, Ruth Blaw,
Gysel Galaviz, Mariam Sarwary, Camron Parker,
Department of Parks & Community Services

GUEST SPEAKERS: Nico Quijano, Office of Housing; Laura Delmedo,
4Tomorrow Safe Parking Program

COUNCIL LIAISON: Not present

POLICE LIAISON: Major Ellen Inman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gysel Galaviz

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Singh who presided.

Commissioners were present.

Chair Singh took a moment to note public comment will not be taken, but members of the public are still welcome to observe.

2. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Bellevue Human Services Manager, Ruth Blaw, provided opening remarks and facilitated introductions from staff, commissioners, and board members. Ruth informed the commission and board about the Boards & Commissions Appreciation Event at City Hall on April 30th and requested that all RSVP if they can attend. Ruth also took a moment to ask the commission and board to complete the 2025 Human Services Needs Update survey.

Department of Parks & Community Services Asst Director, Camron Parker, provided an overview of the role of the Human Services Commission and the Parks & Community Services Board.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of The City's Homelessness Outreach Program

Chair Singh introduced Homelessness Outreach Program Manager, Nico Quijano. Nico provided a presentation on the program including a description of the "landscape" of homelessness and updates on the Homelessness Outreach Program over the past two years.

B. Update on Safe Parking Program

The Safe Parking Pilot program, which opened to people living in their vehicles in May 2024, was just approved by City Council to continue operating until December 31st, 2026. Nico Quijano briefly outlined the City's history of exploring safe parking options and developing a Safe Parking Program. The Safe Parking Program is facilitated by nonprofit agency 4 Tomorrow. After Nico's introduction, Laura Delmendo, 4 Tomorrow's Chief of Staff and Operations, spoke about the Safe Parking Program's first year of services, sharing data, successes, and lessons learned from the first year of the program's operation.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Singh adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.