

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIEW ONLINE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

12:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Carol Frazey called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Carol Frazey, Todd Donovan and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also present: Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, and Ben Elenbaas

Announcement

Special Presentation

1. [AB2020-370](#) Report from the Health Department regarding the Ground-level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program

The following staff gave a presentation:

- Anne Deacon, Health Department
- Malora Christensen, SeaMar Community Health Center and GRACE Program Manager

Staff answered questions about whether there is a wait list, how much service we get outside of the city [Bellingham] to the outlying smaller cities and rural areas, whether there is buy-in from law enforcement and emergency medical services in terms of making enough referrals, whether the program is getting overwhelmed by referrals, how the program can be scaled up, whether it is being funded by a Department of Justice grant, whether funding for GRACE is built into the County's regular budget and is not short-term grant dependent, and how much money the program saves the County.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, spoke about the County's efforts in criminal justice reform.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2020-354](#) Discussion with Public Works staff on an ordinance to amend Whatcom County Code 12.60.040, Appointment and Responsibilities of the Citizen Address and Road Name Appeals Committee (to be introduced at the evening meeting)

Doug Ranney, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions about when the County last populated the Citizen Address and Road Name Appeals Committee and how many appeals come up each year.

Donovan moved to forward the item to Council and the vote carried 3-0, however a motion and vote were not necessary since this item was just a discussion.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council stated the related Ordinance is already scheduled in Council for introduction tonight.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Carol Frazey-via email 9/18/2020

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Carol Frazey, Committee Chair

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