

EISCC General Meeting Minutes

JULY MEETING: Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Noon to 1:30 PM

+Welcome: Opening Prayer, Lunch (Provided) and Making Connections

+We Acknowledge that we are on Indigenous land, the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people. This acknowledgement reminds us to strive for respectful partnerships with all people.

+Self-Introductions: 25 attending, 18 in person

+EISCC Volunteer Requests: Support with **Running Our Hybrid Meetings** (recommendations or personal interest), **Meeting Hospitality** (set-up, lunch, welcome and resource tables, etc.), and **Communications** (website, data).

+EISCC Membership: To renew or join check the website for the 2024 Membership Form: www.eiscc.net. Email eastsideinterfaith@gmail.com with any questions.

+EISCC Brief Reports:

Secretary: Acceptance of last general meeting minutes.

http://eiscc.net/?page_id=2079

Treasurer: \$162,000 cash on hand, \$150,000 earmarked for Congregations for Kids, remaining unrestricted funds, \$12,000. http://eiscc.net/?page_id=69

Congregations for Kids (C4K): Backpack packing event at SpiritRidge Elementary, August 13-15. Visitors are welcome to drop by. C4K is an EISCC Sub-Agency; <http://congregations4kids.org/>

Legislative: Faith Action Network: 1) You can sign on to WA Low Income Housing Alliance letter for rent stabilization and more here:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/aoMlh2qL4EmlFpa1gjJcfQ2?emci=7ee52358-0238-ef11-86d2-6045bdd9e096&emdi=a522082d-0538-ef11-86d2-6045bdd9e096&ceid=2629493>

2) Invite congregations into FAN's 100% Voting Faith Communities campaign:

<https://fanwa.org/advocacy/voting-civic-engagement/>

Eastside Human Services Forum: Linda Hillesheim and Barbara de Michelle reported on an event at Bellevue College, June 25, titled "Systems of Oppression in Human Services and their Unintended Consequences." executivedir@eastsidehsf.com

Hopelink: Family fair to be held July 12, 11-3 at Redmond location.

<https://www.hopelink.org/>

PROGRAM

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Special Severe Weather Announcement: (Update provided by Mallory Van Abbema, KCRHA) We are extending the current severe weather activation. We will remain in a Tier 3 (Red Heat Risk) today and tomorrow, pivoting to a Tier 2 (Orange Heat Risk) through Sunday, July 14th. To view the heat risk map, please [click here](#). As usual, we are working to [keep our website](#) updated regularly.

SPOTLIGHT: Mallory Van Abbema, KCRHA spoke about their efforts at providing cooling centers. Bellevue opened their first one of the season July 5, active through July

15th. Existing shelter partners are encouraged to accommodate more guests. Any other organizations are encouraged to let them know if they can also help. KCRHA has air purifiers, misters, pop-up canopies, water, and other supplies available to those who want to help in this effort. Mallory is the sub-regional planning specialist for East King County, and can be reached at Mallory.vanabbema@kcrha.org, or 206-681-5680. <https://.Kcrha.org>

SPOTLIGHT: "Cooling Centers in Summer's Heat" with report by Elizabeth Maupin. Tips on keeping cool in hot weather, including visual aids.

MAIN PRESENTATION: "[Nourishing Networks](#)" with Chief Exec. Scott Wallin.

Too many people are still falling through the safety net of existing support groups and agencies. Nourishing Networks facilitates cooperation between service agencies, faith communities, and neighborhood support groups, bridging silos of service with a networking service to match needs with resources... Scott shared a video that highlighted the work of Nourishing Networks. Our Eastside families and individuals are supported whether with food, a place for the night, tenant help, or any other emerging community needs. Learn more about the strengths of this energized consortium that reaches so many, connecting people and resources so well. Q&A session followed with such questions as how to handle instant emergencies. Success stories were shared. **Tammy Waddell, Ambassador Guardian**, also attended. Their Redmond meeting is the fourth Monday of each month at Noon to 1PM. Kirkland, meeting is the second Tuesday from 4 to 5PM. www.Nourishingnetworks.net.

+Announcements of Upcoming Events and Current Issues. Islamic Center of Eastside is hosting an open house to celebrate the reopening of their mosque that was damaged in an arson fire several years ago on Saturday, July 20, from 10AM to Noon. Their address is 14700 NE 8th Street in Bellevue <https://eastsidemosque.com/> Nikki Sheriff shared that there is a need to get more culturally appropriate foods into our local food banks.

+NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, Sept. 10, Noon to 1:30pm. EISCC meetings are always the 2nd Tuesdays of the month, with the exception of no meeting in August.

+Next EISCC Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 16. Suggestions and questions are always welcome.

+ Closing Prayer

Board Members:

Mark Griffith, President
Linda Hillesheim, Past-President
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Kevin Folkman, Secretary
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