

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

February 7, 2017 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Seattle City Hall, Room 473

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michele Ramirez, Luis Ortega, Alexey Kuznetsov, Riddhi, Mukhopadhyay, Jessica Yu, Kiwai Lai, Kianoush Naficy, Jeniffer Calleja, Dori Cahn

Commissioners Absent: Isatou Jallow, Farhiya Mohamed, Mark Galang, Marilena Morales

OIRA Staff Present: Maha Jahshan

Guests: Susie Mercado

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Riddhi opened the meeting.

OIRA Director's Report

Maha gave the Director's Report in lieu of Cuc. She highlighted OIRA's upcoming body of work and included an update on the Seattle United event.

Fronteras De Agua Presentation (Susie)

Fronteras de Agua is a binational Non-profit Organization (Mexico-USA) with a social justice approach created to support immigrants specially targeting the needs of unaccompanied minor by facilitating legal services, promoting and enforcing their human rights. Besides services, their goal is to provide information to this group of people to reduce the challenges they will face when entering a different country and culture. Susie Mercado is the Executive Director.

Executive Session (All)-

Commissioners went into executive session.

Announcements (All)- The commissioners looked into the upcoming dates of various upcoming community events and shared information with others.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm.