

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

October 4, 2016 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Seattle City Hall, Room 473

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michele Ramirez, Farhiya Mohamed, Luis Ortega, Marilena Morales, Alexey Kuznetsov, Riddhi, Mukhopadhyay, Kianoush Naficy,

Commissioners Absent: Kiwai Lai, Jeniffer Calleja, Isatou Jallow , Dori Cahn

OIRA Staff Present: Maha Jahshan

Guests: George Scarola, Joaquin Uy, Dionne Foster,

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Luis 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 including the upcoming Citizenship Workshop and support needed.

Introduction (George Scarola)

George Scarola the newly appointed Director of Homelessness met with commission to introduce himself and his upcoming role. The commission shared with him their workplan and questions.

Department of Parks Presentation (Dionne Foster & Susan Golub)

Dionne, the OPI liaison and Susan Golub from Parks presented to the commission on the upcoming work Park is undertaking and explained the upcoming Parks budget.

Communications Training (Joaquin)

OIRA's Ethnic Media Specialist gave a communications training for the commission around writing press release, messaging, and social media.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm.