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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2018 | 6:30-8:30pm
Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280
600 4th Avenue, Seattle Washington

Commissioners Present: Manuel Venegas, Nikki Hurley, Tay Carson-Wisor, Latosha Correll, Joseph Suttner, Ann Luetzow, Jessi Murray, Julia Ricciardi, Kari Lerum, Deepa Sivarajan, Latosha Correll and Mitchell Chen

Commissioners Absent: Ray Corona, Katrina Sanford, and Ian Irving Bradshaw,

SOCR Staff: Erika Pablo

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Nikki Hurley

Guests: Mariko Lockhart (SOCR), Ely Hernandez (Proposed Commissioner), Lauren Boling (Proposed Commissioner), Michael Garrett, Lev Cunningham (Queers Against Israeli Apartheid)

Welcome and Introductions

Public Open Comment

1. Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QAIA) is here in support of the Commission hosting a screening of the documentary Pinkwashing, specially hosting this screening at City Hall to pass down the historical knowledge from the 2012 event that the documentary is based upon. The Commission has already voted to screen this and the vote tonight specifically is about the location and the members of the organizing committee

Approve October Minutes, November Minutes, and January Agenda

1. Motion to approve Oct. and Nov. minutes with the below addition **Motion passes (11 supportive, 1 abstention)**
 - a. Spell Ely's name correctly in Nov. minutes
2. Motion to approve agenda with edits. **Motion passes (100%)**
 - a. Move Pinkwashing discussion to after approval of agenda and minutes
 - b. Add a vote on a bylaws edit before Executive Elections
 - c. Add discussion on trans healthcare and Kaiser to end of agenda
 - d. Add discussion on recent ruling that allows identification of X on birth certificate to end of agenda

Pinkwashing Film Screening Event

1. History for new Commissioners
 - a. Decision to host screening based on a previous Commission meeting and supporting a speaking event with a trans IDF Lieutenant in 2017. After this event there was a lot of community concern and the resignation of two Commissioners. In 2012 there was a similar event that the documentary addresses



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- b. Reading of the resignation letter of former City of Seattle LGBTQ Commissioner Co-Chair, Luzviminda Uzuri “Lulu” Carpenter
- c. Discussion of history and event
2. Decision on location for event
 - a. Suggestion of locations
 - i. Washington Hall
 - ii. Central District Library with a price tag of \$400
 - iii. Councilmember Sawant has offered to reserve a room at City Hall at no cost
 - b. Motion to hold event at City Hall. **Motion Passes (9 supportive, 2 opposed, 1 abstention)**
3. Allocating members to the Ad Hoc planning committee
 - a. Ann, Kari, Julia, Manuel, QAIA members
4. Event to be hosted in April. Planning committee to meet and share date with QAIA as decided

SOCR Report-

1. Introduction of new Director, Mariko Lockhart
2. Update on financial sponsorships as voted on at November meeting
 - a. All completed except the Emerald City Pride sponsorship and the Rainbow Project sponsorship due to communication difficulties and strict deadlines
3. Fair Chance Housing Update
 - a. Passed last year by Council and comes into effect on February 19
 - b. Landlords will be prohibited from excluding tenants based on criminal history, excepting a business reason for excluding those on the sex offender registry
4. Racial equity training to be set up for the Commission in February or March

Vote on Bylaws Changes-

1. Section 3.3.2 states that Co-Chairs be elected in December
 - a. Change to state that voting Commissioners will cast their ballots for co-chairs by the end of first meeting of the year
2. Section 3.4.3 states that co-chairs begin terms at the beginning of the next meeting after which they are elected
 - a. Change to co-chairs begin terms the day following the election
3. Section 4.1 states that committee members select a chair for the committee
 - a. Change to commission members will select a chair for each committee by simple majority vote
4. **Motion to change all three suggested edits (100%)**

Executive Elections and Committee Allocations-

1. Committees
 - a. Social Media and Communications: Chair(s)- Joseph; Members- Jessi
 - b. Criminal Justice Reform: Chair(s) Julia, Manuel; Members Nikki, Kari



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- c. LGBTQ Community Center and Recreation Development: Chair(s)- Tay, Ann; Members- Joseph, Latosha
 - d. Intergovernmental Relations: Chair(s)- Manuel; Members-Nikki, Kari, Lauren
 - e. Commission Operations: Chair(s)- Nikki, Julia; Members- Lauren, Tay
 - f. Housing, Homelessness, and Affordability: Chair(s)- Manuel, Deepa; Members- Jessi
 - g. People of Color Stakeholders: Chair(s)-Latosha; Members- Ely, Jessi, Manuel
 - h. Health, Aging, and Disability: Chair(s)- Jessi, Manuel; Members- Michael Garrett
2. Co-chairs and Secretary
 - a. Co-Chairs: Katrina, Julia, Jessi
 - b. Secretary: Nikki
 - c. Treasurer: Ann

Announcements and Reminders

1. Letter for addition of rehabcenter.net to list of resources

Discussion about Kaiser Trans Health Coverage -

1. Danni Askini and the ACLU working to understand Kaiser coverage. Ask is for additional pressure to be put on Kaiser to ensure coverage and rule following.
2. Motion to provide City Council feedback that the Commission wants to affirm that city employees have to the full scope of healthcare options needed, including for trans healthcare and treatment of gender dysphoria. **Motion passes (100%)**

Discussion about New Birth Certificate Gender Marker -

1. Washingtonians will be able to mark themselves as nonbinary on their birth certificate, providing all of their paperwork is in order and notarized. Gender Justice League is working to gather list of LGBTQ/Ally Notaries that will provide services for free/sliding scale

People with DisAbilities Commission Letter

1. Do we want to support if we want to sign on to letter by the People with DisAbilities Commission opposing a proposed law that would allow for legal guardians to forcibly sterilize severely disabled people under their care.
2. Motion to sign on to letter saying that we oppose forced sterilization. **Motion passes (100%)**