



City of Seattle

Seattle LGBTQ Commission



Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Commissioners Present: Victor Loo, Chris Brown, Jessi Murray, Steven Pray, Byram Simpson, Diondra Braswell, Andrew Ashiofu, Raja Fouad, Brett Pepowski, Manuel Venegas

Commissioners Absent: DeAunte Damper, Nate Higby, Annabelle Backman, Latosha Correll, Ryan Bush

SOCR Staff: Janet Stafford, Leo Segovia

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Janet Stafford

Guests: Melvin (public)

Welcome and Introductions

Public Open Comment – no comment

Approve June Minutes and July Agenda

- a. June 2021 minutes reviewed and approved with below edits. **Unanimous consent – Motion passes**
 - a) Add Ryan Bush and Victor Loo as not present
1. Approve July agenda with below edits. **Motion passes**
 - a) DeAunte will not be in attendance and will not present during their allocated time on the agenda
 - b) SPD partition to update under committee updates

City budget for trans community

1. Brett: During the winter, there had been previous discussions on concerns surrounding Ingersoll's budget and finding funding. Since it's budget season, there is interest to work with the Mayor's office to review and evaluate budget to increase funding to support organizations who work with trans issues
2. Who do we work with, City Council, the Mayor's office, can OCR provide input on budget process?

3. Janet: OCR can support by setting up meetings with adequate city departments and request more information from the Mayor's office on their budget timeline
4. Leo: Others folks to meet with could include CBO, Mariko, and engagement with City Council, and Councilmember Herbold
 - a. Janet and Leo to follow up with committee and next steps

UW trans students – names on diplomas

1. Jessi: There is a current gap of policy and procedures for UW students. Current policy does not allow students to choose their own names for their diplomas. There is a petition on change.org with
 - b. Motion to send out statement of support. **Unanimous consent – Motion passes**

Committee Reports

1. Community engagement:
 - a. Monday meeting discussed items from before; getting community input, survey on health disparities from the public and collaborating with other commissions for disabled trans organizations
 - b. Looking at the holiday calendar, it is non-binary awareness week – send information of people you want to highlight
 - c. Byram: 6 SPD officers are being investigated for their participation in Washington DC on January 6th and recommendation is 2 of them be fired. The 2 recommended to be fired still have a right to a due process, the final decision will be made by Chief Diaz. Will send more information and articles from the Inspector General by email.
2. Social Media: Send in your feedback on the annual retreat, if in person, virtual, 1-full day or 2-sepaerate meetings
 - a. Victor: recommends in person
3. POC: no meeting, next meeting scheduled for Monday

Follow up on Refugee efforts

1. Andrew: Last month we held a Zoom meeting with commissioners. We are collaborating with IORA commission to send a draft letter urging folks to contact their State Secretary. Also waiting to hear back from the Secretary of State for African issues.
 - a. Chris: send all info to Nona at OCR

SOCR Report

1. Reminder of the upcoming 5-commission candidate forums- July 15, July 20, July 22, July 29
Dates and event bright link has been shared.
 - a. Email reminder from Nona, regarding public disclosure request pertaining to Capitol Hill Pride for commissioners who were part of any discussions or work done between January 2017 – December 2020. For this request, we will need to collect all electronic communications (email & text) and documents pertainging to Capitol Hill Pride for the year 2017 – 2020. If this applies to you – please send these docs by August 2, 2021. Questions, connect with Janet or Nona.
 - b. Recommended guidance is to set up a commission email for commission related work.

Announcements, Reminders, & Roll Call

1. Upcoming LGBTQ Career fair in Seattle
2. Communication questions with candidates, refer to Wayne Barnett

(END 7:33 pm)