



# City of Seattle

## Seattle LGBTQ Commission

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### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 21, 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280

600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle Washington

**Commissioners Present:** Ray Corona, Manuel Venegas, Julia Ricciardi, Katrina Sanford, Nikki Hurley, Taylor Carson-Wisor, Latosha Correll, Joseph Suttner, Ann Luetzow, Mitchell Chen, Anders McConachie, and Jessi Murray

**Commissioners Absent:** Ian Irving Bradshaw

**SOCR Staff:** Erika Pablo

**Meeting Minutes recorded by:** Nikki Hurley

**Guests:** Melissa Hall and Amy Davis (PFM Roller Derby), Tim Orth and Patrick Tschumper (Fred Hutch), Luis

### Welcome

1. Announcement about guest sign in –
  - a. Taylor is our new commissioner! Welcome.

### Public Open Comment

1. PFM roller derby is a nonprofit that trains people who are just starting out with roller derby and have no place to practice or train. Park and recreation has been contacted but hasn't been able to help as each community center handles their own scheduling. PFM Derby is asking for the Commission to support their efforts to advocate for one dedicated derby practice location. Asking for the LGBTQ and Women's Commission support before reproaching Seattle Parks and Recreation. PFM roller derby has a proposal that they would like to be included in the recreation plan for the city. Guests will send their proposal to Erika. Manuel will send potential next steps for this project.
2. Fred Hutch has been testing and researching HIV vaccines for over 30 years. Compensated studies are open and are recruiting people to test the HIV and HPV vaccines. Recruitment is ongoing until studies are full.

### Approval of August Minutes and September Agenda

1. Move approve with the caveat that we remove the follow up regarding Rainbow Alphabet and replace with discussion of city council opening. **Motion passes**

### Proposed co-hosing of an event with the Housing for All Coalition

1. Transit Riders Union would like the Commission to cohost, potentially with funds attached, a lunch and learn type of event where the policy goals of the Housing for All Coalition goals can be shared. The recommendations that we sent to George Scarola align



the Coalitions goals.

2. Dates and times suggested were week days during the afternoon. Commissioners asked if they could have the event at a time that wasn't in the middle of the day. Would the change of times incur additional costs, for example security, or dissuade council members from attending.
3. If the Commission co-hosts then there is the potential to encourage council members or to set up the meeting with council members before the event
4. There are questions that need to be answered: what is the goal of the event, what is the funding needed, is there the potential to change times and dates?
5. Motion to support cohosting the event despite not having the logistics figured out. Manuel will work with TRU to organize. **Motion passes**
6. Motion to support a blanket housing stance that we can use to set up meetings and as basis to look at signing on to letters: More affordable housing to be built, stop sweeps, more protections for renters. **Motion passes**

### **SOCR Report**

1. The mayor has resigned. The LGBTQ Commission had a hand in making this happen. SOCR is making a transition plan for the new mayor, who will now start on November 29<sup>th</sup> instead of January 1. Council wants SOCR independence. Council has requested input from SOCR and the Commissions. In committees you all should start brainstorming what you want the Commission to be able to do. City Council wants input from the Commissions by October 2.
2. Human Rights Commission wanted to see if there are ideas on next steps for the federal anti-LGBTQ legislation and where they can work.
3. Please be mindful of the amount of communications going out so that we aren't overloading the listserv system. There is a Facebook group that can be used to share information- please contact.

### **Recruitment and Joint Commission Press Release**

1. Discussion of pros and cons of recruiting before the New Year. Motion to wait to onboard for the open seats until 2018. Motion amended to interview and onboard in 2017. Motion passes with 2 abstentions
2. Put out the call with the joint press release but tell everyone that we won't be interviewing until the New Year.
3. Only the commissioners that want to be involved need to be involved in the recruitment and approval process.

### **Committee Updates**

1. Internal Affairs- Needs to schedule a meeting for the committee. Also need to schedule a retreat, Julia will send out a Doodle Poll. Discussion of pros and cons of recruiting before the New Year. Motion to wait to recruit for the open seats until 2018.
2. P&CD- meets second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Downtown Library in the "Mixing Room:" Ann and Jessi are new members. Parks Department is having a meeting next month and is looking for the Commission to provide insight at their upcoming meeting and at the retreat. Anders will send a Survey Monkey to gauge the needs of the community. Looked over DACA Response and approves.



Wants to look over and discuss the Sexual Assault response. Discussed the potential need for a moderator for the Pinkwashing event. Do we want to have a press release about what the Commission wants to see in our next mayor? Erika will follow up with the ethics commission to see if this is allowable. There are concerns about timeline and capacity. Jessi and P&CD will bring a completed release to the upcoming meeting, assuming this is allowable for the commission, and we can vote at the October meeting. We can also potentially take this to the People with disAbilities Commission candidate forum. Met with the Sheriff's Office to talk to Jamie Deer. Do we want to attend the Sheriff's training to see what is the training? Yes.

3. CE&O- Next meeting date is at Kaladi Brothers (517 E. Pike) on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 and will be open to the public. That meeting will be planning the Pinkwashing event. Facebook live with the Commission about what we're working about. For this Facebook live project there will be some equipment borrowed from the Seattle Channel. We need to think about what we want to talk about. Motion to spend up to \$100 for equipment from the budget to help with the live feed /online live forum production. **Motion Passes.**
4. People of Color Stakeholders- co-chairs have met and the date of the next meeting is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm.

### City Council Appointment Process

1. City Council will appoint the person on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. There will be an executive session on the 5<sup>th</sup> that is not open to the public but there is a public comment session on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Anyone interested in appointment can apply until October 1<sup>st</sup> with cover letter and resume.
2. Do we want to try to encourage someone to apply? Erika will check in with the ethics commission.

**ADJOURN (8:35 PM)**