

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

August 4, 2020 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Johnson Nguyen, Denisse Guerrero-Harvey, N. Gina Aaftaab, Amanda Sandoval, Farhiya Mohamed, Karina San Juan-Guyton, Maya Appiah, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Karen Gamez, Ankita Patel

Commissioners Absent: Shelani Vanniasinkam, Ilays Aden,

Staff Present: José Manuel Vasquez, Paul Quiñonez-Figueroa

Guests: Dominique Stephens, Angela Socci, Andres Mantilla, Sonny Nguyen, Adrienne Thompson

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Maria and Gina opened the meeting.

Action Taken:

- Approval of June and July minutes.

SPD Budget Presentation

- Paul Quiñonez-Figueroa introduced city staff that presented on SPD budget overview and current community engagement strategies.
- Angela Socci gave an overview of SPD's 2021-22 budget impact of COVID-19, budget process, and SPD's proposed budget reductions.
- Commissioners would like to hear about what culture change and strong set of values are reflected in the structural change needed for SPD. The budget needs to reflect a cultural and ethical move to a new set of values.
- Mayor's office does not want this to be just a budget exercise. Rather a collective process with community re-imagining how policing is done. Focusing on our values and what we want to see moving forward.
- There is agreement on the need for more comprehensive community engagement.
- Commissioners would like to see Mayor's letter to state legislators about her support for changes at the state level.
- Mayor's office will be sharing informational tools in mid-August for community engagement.
- Office of Police Accountability has a dashboard where complaints against SPD are tracked. <https://www.seattle.gov/opa/case-data/demonstration-complaint-dashboard>
- DM Ranganathan will be hosting a community engagement meeting for city budgeting with immigrant and refugee constituents next week.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:02 pm