

## **Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission**

**August 4, 2015 (6:00-8:00 PM)**

**Seattle City Hall, Room 370**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Tsegaba Woldehaimanot, Mindy Au, Michele Ramirez, Mohamed Adan, Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, Roxana Norouzi, Kianoush Naficy, Farhiya Mohamed. Luis Ortega, Marilena Morales, Dori Cahn, Veasna Adrian Hoy

**Commissioners Absent:** Jeniffer Calleja, Simon Khin

**OIRA Staff Present:** Cuc Vu, Sahar Fathi, Maha Jahshan

**Call to Order:** 6:05 pm

#### **Welcome (Co-Chairs)**

Riddhi opened the meeting. Kianoush moved to approve the July minutes and Farhiya seconded. They were unanimously approved. The co-chair in training position was described and Roxana moved to approve the creation of this position on the commission. Luis seconded. Riddhi moved for this position to be filled by Michele and Mohamed seconded. Both were unanimously approved. The group paused to recognize Mohamed's contribution to the commission.

#### **Introduction of Interim Coordinator (Sahar)**

Sahar introduced Maha Jahshan as the Interim Coordinator.

#### **OIRA Director's Report (EXECUTIVE SESSION) (Cuc Vu)**

The commission went into executive session for the Director's Report and a brief presentation by Cuc.

#### **Emerging Trends and Issues in the Community (Co-Chairs)**

The group took a moment of silence for Donnie Chin. Commissioners talked about the increase of violence happening in South Seattle. Many of the commissioners had heard about the shootings and some were acquainted with the young men who were shot.

The group opted to reserve time on the agenda for the September meeting to talk further about this issue.

#### **Adjourn**

8:00 pm.