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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 19, 2018 | 6:30-8:30pm
Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280
600 4th Avenue, Seattle Washington

Commissioners Present: Manuel Venegas, Katrina Sanford, Nikki Hurley, Latosha Correll, Joseph Suttner, Jessi Murray, Julia Ricciardi, Deepa Sivarajan, Kari Lerun, and Chris Brown

Commissioners Absent: Ian Irving Bradshaw, Lauren Boling, Ely Hernandez, and Lindsay Church

SOCR Staff: Zahyr Lauren

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Nikki Hurley

Guests: Savannah (Sex Workers Outreach Project), Alex Zimmerman (Stand Up America), Marguerite Richard, Esther Luciero (proposed Commissioner), Sabel Roizen (proposed Commissioner), Wayne Rocque (proposed Commissioner), Byram Simpson (proposed Commissioner), and Avvri Rathsack (proposed Commissioner)

Welcome and Introductions

1. Announcement about guest sign in

Public Open Comment

1. Concern about elected officials’ leadership. Ask for Commission to be more aggressive about housing needs
2. Concern about harassment in housing by city officials
3. Discussion about the hardships of sex workers due to recent legislation

Approve June Minutes and July Agenda

1. Motion to approve July Agenda and June minutes with spelling edits. **Motion Passes (9 in favor, 1 abstention)**

SOCR Report

1. OCR has been meeting consistently with organizations that are upset about the Pinkwashing event. OCR doesn’t seem to be interested at the moment in hosting a more “middle of the road” event but it may be coming down the road. Co-Chairs are drafting a response about people who have requested Commission meetings. The Co-Chairs ask that we avoid meetings outside of the OCR meeting process. To all Commissioners- don’t speak on behalf of the Commission or leave any gray area- pass any contacts along to Zahyr to put through the correct channels
 - a. Ask for Pinkwashing history and for talking points
 - b. Brief history of the Commission and Pinkwashing
 - c. *Julia will send out event talking points for Commissioners*
2. The Mayor may have appointed a new commissioner. We aren’t sure if this is happening or next steps
3. Updates on Get Engaged candidates- no new updates



Committee Questions

1. People of Color Stakeholders - update on survey project. Asking for Commissioners to volunteers, especially if you have related experience to the project. Ask of Zahyr for SOCR support. Next meeting 6pm at Gay City on August 2nd. Ask for feedback and ideas. The purpose of the survey is to really think about the QPOC needs and community. Ask for Co-Chairs to present to other Commissions once scope and timeline has been established. If you are interested in participating contact Latosha or attend the next committee meeting. Discussion about potential budget request of City and other funding measures. *Latosha will send specific asks to Zahyr to bring to SOCR.* Esther offers some assistance from her organization and a connection to the County for assistance
2. Social Media and Communications- budget ask for \$150-\$200 for the rest of the year. Discussion of social media strategy and content creation needs
 - a. Motion to allocate \$150 for the rest of the calendar year for social media content creation and boosting. **Motion Passes (100%)**
3. LGBTQ Community Center- do we want to continue to do this research and work? Discussion of what else is going on currently in the city in relation to this. Suggestion to support this work and write a letter of support for Parks and Recreation budget ask. Discussion about the meaning of a community center. Discussion of potential for changing committee structure to reflect current context and commissioner interest
4. Housing, Homelessness, and Affordability- discussion of bonds proposed to be used for Safeco Field. Do we want to try to get at least some of the funding towards housing and human services? What would be an acceptable compromise? Follow up with Julia for next steps

Review proposed Hate Crime Legislation

1. Public comment from Dean Spade regarding concern about proposed hate crime legislation
2. Discussion of national work going on regarding eliminating “Gay Panic” defense and how we can advocate at the local level
3. SOCR and some commissioners are against supporting the legislation due to lack of understanding of intersectionality, belief that this is a symbolic move only, and expands police efforts. SOCR wants CM Herbold to perform a RET on this legislation
4. If we are invited to the table about this legislation, we would like to join that table. CRUEDA meeting next Tuesday at 9:30am please let the Co-Chairs know. Likely Katrina and Kari- send anything you want said at the meeting to Katrina
5. Do we want to write a letter stating that we are in support, in broad strokes, of human rights and eliminating hate crimes while also detailing why we are not in support of this specific legislation and asking for a racial assessment of some kind to evaluate?
6. Discussion of details of the proposed legislation

UN Declaration on the Rights of Human Rights Defenders

1. At last discussion, Danni Askini had not heard back from any Council members or the Mayor
2. Motion to write a statement in support of Danni’s request to pass the UN Declaration on the Rights of Human Rights Defenders to SOCR, relevant Commissions, Mayor, City Council, and the Police Chief. **Motion passes (100%)**



Support for LGBTQ+ individuals in sex trade

1. Discussion of historical legislation
2. Three potential options: statement of concern, forum on sex work and human trafficking, and research
 - a. Forum will take place on Monday, November 19th from 6-8pm
 - b. Will the Commission be interested in partnering with the research grant?
 - c. Do we need to revote on the budget component?
3. Motion to approve a Commission statement regarding SESTA/FOSTA. **Motion passes (100%)**
4. Motion for the Commission to sponsor the Queering Democracy forum with a budget of \$250. **Motion passes (100%)**
5. Motion for the Commission to partner with the research grant that Kari has presented. **Motion passes (100%)**
6. Public comment to discuss importance of history and community impacts. Ask of Commission to research the impacts of the End Demand legislation that was initiated in King County. Ask of Commission to make a statement of sex work as work to add a more complex lens to the discussion. Ask of the Commission if the Sex Workers Outreach Project could utilize a City space for an event
 - a. Potential for the forum to be a gateway to more in depth statements and policy

Seattle Police Chief

1. The Mayor has nominated Carmen Best as the new Police Chief.
2. Revisiting previous discussion regarding issuing a statement of suggestions for the new Police Chief
3. Who is interested in working on this project?
 - a. Esther is interested.
 - b. *Julia will start a statement and will send out for collaboration to those interested*
4. Motion to send a thank you to the Mayor for taking into consideration of community voice in this process. **Motion passes (100%)**

Announcements & Reminders Roll Call for Next Meeting

1. Jessi will send out a Doodle Poll regarding social event for Commissioners
2. Latosha and Chris may not be at the next meeting
3. Kari will not be at the next meeting

(End 8:31)