



# City of Seattle

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2019 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM

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

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

**Commissioners Present:** Chris Brown, Lindsay Church, Katrina Sanford, Manuel Venegas, Kari Lerum, Michael Garrett, Alejandro Castillo, Joseph Suttner, Wayne Rocque, and Byram Simpson

**Commissioners Absent:** Jessi Murray, Deepa Sivarajan, Sabel Roizen, Lauren Boling, Latosha Correll, and Ely Hernandez

**SOCR Staff:** Erika Pablo

**Meeting Minutes recorded by:** Chris Brown

**Guests:** Melissa Hall (PFM Roller Derby), Amy Davis (PFM Roller Derby), Michelle Messmer (PFM Roller Derby), Tim, Brandon, Terique Scott (Balance Our Tax Code)

### Welcome and Introductions

### Public Open Comment

1. Amy Davis from PFM Roller Derby: Visited Council in early 2018 to share proposal to support roller derby, which is now in danger
  - a. Rat City Roller Derby and others all play in community centers, but don't have the proper lines for safety – have suggested cones which are inappropriate safe lines
  - b. Hoping for a letter support for lines painted or taped
  - c. Questions/comments from commissioners:
    - i. Kari Lerum: To which department should letter of support go?
      1. Amy Davis: Superintendent
  - d. Chris Brown to take on drafting letter of support
2. Terique Scott: Doing outreach for tax code and hoping Commission will support Senate Democrats' plans for capital gains tax and working family tax credit

- a. Suggest contacting state legislators to let them know of support, writing letters to local newspaper
- b. May come back to present to us again with more information

### **Approve March Minutes and April Agenda**

- 1. Motion to approve March minutes. **Motion passes (8 in favor, 1 abstention)**
- 2. Motion to approve April agenda with below edits. **Motion passes (8 in favor, 1 abstention)**
  - a. Add vote on letter for support for painting lines at community centers that currently have roller derby

### **OutRight Action International**

- 1. Update from Katie Hultquist, West Coast Director for OutRight Action International, which works to advance human rights for LGBTIQ people around the world
- 2. Invitation for Commission to partner with OutRight and use OutRight as a resource
- 3. Working with a number of issues, including:
  - a. LGBTQ refugees and asylum seekers locally
  - b. Criminalization of LGBTIQ identities around the world – decriminalization has been shrinking steadily globally, from 70% to 23%
  - c. Rise of propaganda and crackdown of freedom to assembly
  - d. LGBTQ healthcare
  - e. Fear around bullying and harassment
  - f. Particular issues around legal discrimination, harassment and violence in Indonesia, Chechnya, Brunei, Egypt
  - g. Polarization of progress – more accepting countries are becoming more accepting, but opposite for less accepting countries
- 4. How OutRight operates:
  - a. Support grassroots movements: Connecting and convening, providing technical assistance, training and funding.
  - b. Hold Governments Accountable: OutRight's role at the UN, Quiet diplomatic and/or public attention, Bringing activists to the UN to speak truth to power
  - c. Research and Documentation: Rights to register report, "Conversion Therapy" Mapping
- 5. What you can do:
  - a. Follow OutRight on social media (@OutRightIntl)
  - b. Donate
  - c. Attend events, including Walk This Way: Womxn to Watch Right Now on May 30, and OutRising on February 6, 2020
  - d. Volunteer
- 6. Contact Katie at [khultquist@outrightinternational.org](mailto:khultquist@outrightinternational.org)

### **Seattle Office of Civil Rights (SOCR) Report**

- 1. Aleksa Manila from PrideASIA emailed asking if a Commission member could speak at the annual event over Memorial Day weekend
  - a. Wayne to speak, Chris to also attend
  - b. Joseph to promote on social media
- 2. Ray Corona from SOMOS Seattle wants to do a kickoff party for Pride at Columbia Tower, and would like Commission to present
  - a. Celebration of communities of color within the LGBTQ community

- b. If schedules don't align for Commission and Mayor's Office, would be open to having a separate event for their fundraiser
- 3. Flag raising will be on June 1 – Dominique Stephens with Mayor's Office is working on this
  - a. Kari, Byram, Katrina, Joseph, and Wayne available for flag-raising
- 4. SOCR is going through the racial equity toolkit (RET) process
  - a. Commission liaisons have not been part of process, which is why have not presented to commissions yet
  - b. Deadline to Council at the end of April or May
  - c. Council will look at SOCR as a whole if under resourced
  - d. If Commission interested in providing feedback, can send to Erin McIntyre who is coordinating
    - i. Chris and Kari will contact Erin through Erika
- 5. Interim SOCR Director Mariko Lockhart will be confirmed as permanent director
  - a. Demetri is the legislative aide for Councilmember Lisa Herbold and may reach out to Commission at a later date
- 6. Human Services Department (HSD) working with Ingersoll on SLI for LGBTQ homelessness services
  - a. Dusty open to coming to speak to the Commission as a whole again in May
  - b. Extension from Council – report is now due June 30
  - c. Ingersoll may also have an ask of Commission – budget process is beginning and may need additional funding outside of HSD
  - d. Upcoming meetings are on May 2 at 4 PM, and May 9 at 2 PM
  - e. RET was not used on this process
- 7. Workplan presentation to Council on Tuesday, April 23
  - a. Katrina, Manuel, and Kari to present at 9:30 AM

### **Letter of Support for Roller Derby**

- 1. Look to Facebook page for images

### **Committee Reports**

- 1. All committees finalizing workplans
  - a. Requests for new phone for conferencing, microphones for public comment – need to be included in workplan somewhere
- 2. People of Color Stakeholder Committee
  - a. Conducting outreach to other organizations
    - i. Each person on committee to connect with two organizations on the list, then attend community meetings and tell us how we can build workplan with them
    - ii. Working on list of organizations to part with, starting with Alphabet Alliance coalition
  - b. Planning to needs assessment qualitative survey on LGBTQ people of color in Seattle
  - c. Advocate for housing for POC
- 3. Social Media & Communications Committee
  - a. Increase community engagement through social media platforms
  - b. Produce one interview per quarter with people of interest in Seattle LGBTQ community
    - i. Identify for racial and age diversity of interviewees
    - ii. People so far have talked on family, healthcare, homelessness
- 4. Community Outreach & Engagement Committee
  - a. Acting as liaison between city government and LGBTQ residents of Seattle
  - b. Working to get LGBTQ Commission in the GSBA Guide

- c. Increase relevance of LGBTQ Commission in Seattle – people don't know that we're here or that any commissions under SOCR exist
- d. Having a public face online and in person
- e. Make sure we are not repeating or recreating work that is already being done, elevate the needs that are already being expressed in the community
- f. Have at least one community meeting per quarter
  - i. Needs to be accessible for public to attend
- g. Workplans deserve an open public comment period so that they are more responsive to the community
- h. Build a separate website for the LGBTQ Commission that we can more easily update
- i. Support existing work that we know about, including:
  - i. Kari's work around decriminalization of sex work
  - ii. Katrina's work around No New Youth Jail
  - iii. Seattle Youth Commission
  - iv. Re-entry group recommendations on Zero Youth Detention initiative
- 5. Identify public and accessible location for May or June Commission meeting:
  - a. Location options:
    - i. UW Othello Commons – southeast Seattle, right off light rail
    - ii. Youngstown Community Center – Delridge (West Seattle), right off RapidRide D line
  - b. How to recruit for public meeting?

#### **Report back from 5-Chairs meeting**

- 1. Hosting post primary candidate forum – has to be open to all candidates
  - a. We are not able to endorse candidates as a commission or as individual commissioners
  - b. Forum will likely be in August – currently crafting questions, etc.
- 2. Requesting better A/V tech in order to make commission meetings more accessible
- 3. Marta pulled together some materials for clearer onboarding, and are looking at scheduling a training for commissioners to learn about the onboarding process
  - a. Keep Commission Operations in the loop regarding orientation processes
  - b. Commission for People with disAbilities is putting together a welcome packet for new commissioners, may be worth collaborating/sharing resources with them
- 4. Seattle white supremacist groups have 'hit lists' of marginalized targets - what action can the city and white people/people with social identity privileges take that is more than resolutions and proclamations?
  - a. Example of Danni Askini
  - b. Agenda item for next commission meeting
- 5. Questions/comments from commissioners:
  - a. Request for co-chairs to address 5-Commissions email regarding Portland City Council resolution condemning white supremacy
  - b. Can we play "musical chairs" and rotate chairs of 5 commissions to increase collaboration amongst SOCR commissions?

#### **Announcements, Reminders, & Roll Call for Next Meeting**

- 1. Roll call: Manuel and Kari may be out for next meeting

**(END 8:35)**