



City of Seattle

Community Involvement Commission

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Staff Liaisons: Alvin Edwards and Laura Jenkins

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION 2022-2023 Review

August 15, 2022

- Elected co-chairs: Martha Lucas, Bill Southern, and Marcus White
- Adopted Mission and Vision statements
 - Mission: The Community Involvement Commission advises the Mayor, City Council, and the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods on equitable public engagement strategies with a focus on underrepresented communities.
 - Vision: The vision of the Community Involvement Commission is to give Seattle communities, especially historically underrepresented communities, a trusted voice to the City of Seattle.
- Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Staff Liaisons (DON) will work to draft an appreciation letter for the Councilmember & Co-chairs to sign and Councils' office to send out for resignations/vacancies.

September 19, 2022

- Conversation with Councilmember Tammy Morales
- Takeaway: What are Councilmember Morales' hopes for this commission?
 - The commission could really have an impact on how communities are served by helping them understand City funding & budget processes.
 - The City funding/budget allocating processes starts in January, if community/stakeholders are going to have a budget they must ask for city official assistance between January until October. Councilmember Morales' office needs to have it by October 1. If the city hasn't heard from community/stakeholder by then it's too late."

October 17, 2022

- Conversation with Human Services Department Deputy Director Michael Bailey
- Commission Goals/Priorities/Workgroups Discussion
 - Commission has 7 members, advocating for underrepresented underserved groups to become more connected with city services.
 - Have one commissioner at every City Council meeting (preferably the last meeting of the month or general meeting)
 - We will receive an increase in feedback from City of Seattle Stakeholders at least 10% from current baseline of 0% over the 2022-2023 year through comments at meetings and via email.
 - Receive CIC input requests on Seattle related advocacy & community related policies/regulations/at least 10% from current baseline of 0% over the 2022-2023 year.
- 3 Top Priorities:

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- Strengthen CIC's relationships & visibility with City of Seattle Stakeholders, which include City Council, Mayor & City Departments.
- Strengthen CIC's relationship with the City of Seattle's Community by building trust, being seen as a committed advocate acting in on the communities' best interests.
- Retain Commissioners & recruit more Commissioners.

November 21, 2022

- Clarification & Crystallization of 3 proposed priorities (above)
 - Suggested that we remember to keep our purpose, mission, and values as our "thesis" as we move forward with the meetings. Commissioners voted to approve using the purpose, mission, and values to guide our conversations.
- Goals
 - Have Commissioners attend City Council meetings throughout 2022-3
 - Due to our increased visibility, CIC member will attend a City Council meeting at least once in 2022-3
 - All Commissioners in favor.
 - We will receive an increase in feedback from City of Seattle Stakeholders by at least 10% from current baseline of 0% over the 2022-3 year through comments at meetings and via email.
 - All Commissioners in favor.
 - We will receive requests for CIC's input on Seattle related advocacy & community related policies/regulations/at least 10% from current baseline of 0% over the 2022-3 year.
 - Have the Commissioner Community liaison respond to community feedback received from CIC staff liaison/email/ or from CIC meetings within one week.
 - Commission all in favor.
 - Host CIC Quarterly meetings in different City of Seattle Neighborhoods in 2022-3
 - Did not cover this. Will revisit in 2023.
 - Retain Commissioners & Recruit more Commissioners
 - Group agree to revisit at next meeting.
 - Will talk at next meeting regarding the core constituents we are wanting to help based on demographics.
 - Is there an interest in putting together sub committees before next meeting?
 - This would help focus our conversations and give us more direction.

December 19, 2022

- Discussion on who the Commission is serving (demographic data of city). The City Demographer, Diana Canzoneri, joined the meeting to present some data and answer questions from commissioners.



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- Commissioners discussed whether the commission should have a focus on who they are serving.
- The commission voted to approve setting up three subcommittees found on the priorities listed above.

January 30, 2023

- The commission finalized subcommittee participants and decided to wait to meet as subcommittees until after group norms finalized.
- Additional Co-Chair Vote
 - It was proposed that the commission have four co-chairs instead of two. For the time being, the commission decided to stick with two.

February 27, 2023

- Facilitated Group Norms Conversation

March 20, 2023

- Finish Facilitated Group Norms Conversation

April 17, 2023

- Voted to approve Commission Norms and Commission Values
- Process for amendments to the norms and values documents:
 - Commissioners decided that any commissioner can propose an amendment and the entire commission would vote on adopting that amendment or not. Two-thirds of the commission would need to approve the amendment for it to be added.
 - Commissioners will review these documents every year at the annual commission retreats.
- Vote on Commission-selected appointment

May 15, 2023

- Subcommittee Chairs updated the group on subcommittee meetings since the last Community Involvement Commission meeting.
- Conversation with Seattle Community Police Commission staff, Jo-Nathan Thomas and Mergitu Argo

June 26, 2023

- Conversation with Detective Denise “Cookie” Bouldin
 - Detective Bouldin shared her life journey that has impacted her career and involvement in community
- Follow-up from May meeting with Community Police Commission staff - postponed to future meeting
- Possible Plan for Accountability – postponed to future meeting



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- Vote on Commission-selected appointment
- Conversation with Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Director Jenifer Chao
 - She highlighted the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' commitment to building relationships with communities and promoting equity in decision-making.
 - The discussion revolved around the differences between Generational Wealth initiatives and Community Wealth Building, as well as the collaboration between DON and OED.
 - Director Chao asked the commission these questions:
 - I would love to hear from the CIC about how we bring our neighborhoods together to bring shared solutions?
 - How can the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON) support this work? How can DON really empower this group with limited funds and resources?
 - Suggestion for DON staff to attend meetings quarterly
 - What is the current landscape? What is your future vision to work with the City? Is it an advisory role? What would you want to maintain if you could write your own executive order?
- Presentation and Q&A on One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Outreach
 - Aja Hazelhoff with the Office of Planning & Community Development spoke about the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan. Aja will send a follow-up email with the Open House and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) event dates.
 - Aja also explained that a Community Involvement element has its own chapter in the plan.
- Possible Plan for Accountability - The commission plans to discuss it at the September meeting.

September 18, 2023

- Retreat Planning
 - Co-Chair Marcus White and Commissioner Julia Jannon-Shields express a willingness to contribute to planning and facilitation roles.
 - The commissioners voted in favor of recognizing the Oct. 21st retreat as a special meeting.
- Possible Plan for Accountability Follow-up and Vote - Topic will be postponed to a future meeting.
- Get Out the Vote Proposal
 - It was agreed that advising City departments and programs with a non-partisan approach would be the focus.



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Resignations:

- August 2022: Krissie Dillin – District 6 appointee
- January 2023: Robert Radford – Mayoral appointee
- September 2023: Saba Rahman – Mayoral appointee

Current Roster

Position No.	Position Title	Name	Appointment Status	Term Begin Date	Term End Date
1.	City Council District 1 Member	VACANT	N/A	6/1/22	5/31/24
2.	City Council District 2 Member	VACANT	N/A	6/1/23	5/31/25
3.	City Council District 3 Member	VACANT	N/A	6/1/22	5/31/24
4.	City Council District 4 Member	Martha Lucas	Appointed	6/1/23	5/31/25
5.	City Council District 5 Member	William (Bill) Southern	Appointed	6/1/22	5/31/24
6.	City Council District 6 Member	Dong Soo Michael (Mike) Seo	Appointed	6/1/23	5/31/25
7.	City Council District 7 Member	Julio Perez	Pending Appointment	6/1/22	5/31/24
8.	At-Large Member	Julia Jannon-Shields	Appointed	6/1/23	5/31/25
9.	At-Large Member	Abdi Isaak	Pending Appointment	6/1/22	5/31/24
10.	At-Large Member	Nausheen Rajan	Pending Appointment	6/1/23	5/31/25
11.	At-Large Member	Ahoua Koné	Appointed	6/1/22	5/31/24
12.	At-Large Member	Jessica Reeves	Pending Appointment	6/1/23	5/31/25
13.	At-Large Member	Heidi Morisset	Pending Appointment	6/1/22	5/31/24
14.	Get Engaged Member	Cade Wiger	Appointed	9/1/23	8/31/24
15.	Commission-Selected Member	Marcus White	Appointed	6/1/23	5/31/25
16.	Commission-Selected Member	Fiona Murray	Pending Appointment	6/1/22	5/31/24