**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION**

April 19, 2021

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Webex Meeting

[CIC WebEx Meeting Link](https://seattle.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/seattle/recording/20b92e4317bf4be6a1a9bf49102dbc3b/playback)

**Commissioners present:** Chris Maykut, Robin Kim, Jasmine Ariana, Martha Lucas, Bill Southern, Emily Kim

**Commissioners not in attendance:** Thais Marbles, Julie Pham

**People in attendance waiting for official commission appointment:** Felix Chang, Carol Redfield

**City of Seattle Staff present**: Laura Jenkins (DON), Angela Rae (DON)

***(Transcriber’s Note: The notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised. Full comments are retained in the files in video recording and available upon request.***

**Check-in**

There were no check-in comments.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Commissioner Introductions**

Angela Rae (She/Her): Co-Staff Liaison, focuses on filling vacancies and making sure that everybody has been confirmed by the full Council.

Laura Jenkins (She/Her): Co-staff Liaison, Community Engagement Coordination for DON focuses on Central Seattle covering areas in Queen Anne, Magnolia, Central District, downtown Capitol Hill.

Chris Maykut (He/Him): One of the co-chairs, District 6 appointed by a Council Member O’Brien. Restaurant owner for 15 years, now is currently the Small Business Advocate for small businesses in the Greenwood area.

Robin Kim (They/Them/She/Her): Musician, who is involved in the community work with Puget Sound Sage.

Martha Lucas (She/Her): Insurance Broker, representing Wedgewood area. Active member of commission and community-based organizations, such as grassroots organizations.

Jasmine Ariana (She/Her): Architect Landscaper, District 1 representing West Seattle. The work involves a lot of community involvement for inclusion.

Bill (He/Him): Former PR Director for WSDOT, public school advocate and Special Olympics. Currently retired, utilizes his time with influencing community on change. District 5 representative.

Emily Kim (She/Her): \*Currently in appointment\*, not currently related to any district. Pastry Project owner, trains community on employment and opportunity skills. Which helps to get in the industry and run smoothly based off their educational classifications.

Felix Chang (He/Him): Strategy Director at Designer Innovation Firm, focus on the collaborative perspective to include community.

Carol Redfield (She/Her): Been with the commission for several year. Background in Oncology Intelligence focusing on the study results of the community.

Public Attendee Introductions:

Mellanie Tanada (She/Her): Staff Member at University of Washington/Assistant Director of Career Development at the school of Public Policy and Governance. Regularly engaging with students who are passionate about public service.

Luzmilla Freese (She/Her): Latino Community Fund of Washington State, manages two programs on Economic Empowerment and Economic Help. Which supports direct contact with community daily.

**Commission Priorities**

* July 2016, the city passed an Executive Order that established principles for the City to apply Public Engagement and Outreach. The order directed the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods to lead a city-wide effort for implementation of equitable outreach and engagement.
	+ Reflecting Seattle’s commitment to Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) and ending structural racism within the City Government and community.
	+ CIC was established to hold the city accountable for their community involvement practices and ensure that the city is aligning with the RSJI.
* CIC Commission acts as an advisor capacity to make recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and other City Departments regarding development of policy planning.
	+ Community grant, funding processes (advancement toward ECO), public engagement, civic participation in the City of Seattle.
	+ In 2019, the commission decided to focus on three specific areas:
		- Grant making
		- Community Involvement
		- Census 2020
	+ Traditional tensions of CIC commission are the extent we advise on community engagement VS. the extent we conduct community engagement.
* Commission members cited advising community engagement practices, such as learning what people are doing in the City and how to help advise better practices.
	+ - Example of CIC advocacy: Women roller derby organization in marginalized community: inequitable treatment from the city regarding their sport. Ask CIC to weigh in and help with writing a letter to City Council advocating for equitable and fair treatment.
* Commission Priorities are planned for futured meetings preparations.
* Bigger voices are needed at the table. Having an advocate at the table to speak with and for marginalized communities with the City on resources and funding.
	+ We can speak based on diversity, background, and support in the room (providing a seat to be heard)
* Think about what community and what situations are the top focuses for next year (limit # of 1-2 with the City).
	+ When CIC focuses on all issues at once, efforts become a little thinner without the capacity to go deeper is discussion and action.
* Feedback:
	+ CIC refrains from using minorities, they would prefer global majority, BIPOC (governmental). “Not minority, we are majority.”
	+ Request gender identities and pronouns for attendees as a formal setting.
	+ Scheduling a meeting with design commissions to provide our input on the community advocacy. Angela and Laura will check in with the co-chair for rescheduling, as they had reached out last Fall before COVID.
	+ Angela is working with Seattle City Light on electric vehicle charging stations regarding environmental justice communities.
		- In the process of identifying areas in the Central District, we want to advocate for CIC members to get involved and seek the SCL presentations for discussion and input.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

* Special meeting on August 12, CIC minutes didn’t include comments due to technical issues.
	+ Feedback: Not including Mr. or Miss, directing names as Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	+ Approved by 6 commissioners.
* Last meeting before April 19, September 21st.
	+ Minutes will be looked at the next future meeting.
		- Feedback: Update names on WebEx with pronouns.

 **Update from Commission Staff Liaisons**

* 6 vacancies currently in CIC.
	+ District 3 & 7 have vacancies and Mayoral position member at large positions 9, 10, 11, and 13.
		- Laura & Angela spoke with Sam Read from DON re: finding people who would be great commission candidates.
	+ CIC Commission honors diversity and inclusion within the members.
	+ Member orientation training, please go through the training before next meeting

**Public Comment**

Luzmilla Freese stated “The meeting was very informative, great learning experience and the feedback on moving away from the term minority. CIC can become an international example for how to address community.”

**WebEx Comments/Adjournment**

from Carol Redfield to everyone: 6:12 PM

I may have to leave at 7pm to go back to clinic.  Carol

from Laura Jenkins to everyone: 6:13 PM

Thank you for letting us know Carol!

from Chris Maykut - PNA to everyone: 6:13 PM

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from Carol Redfield to everyone: 6:16 PM

Also realized my battery is low so will get phone ready.

from The Pastry Project to everyone: 6:23 PM

I'm not sure how to change my name - but The Pastry Project = Emily Kim! Good to see everyone!

from Laura Jenkins to everyone: 6:37 PM

The purpose of the Commission is to “advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City.

Council on the development of plans, policies, regulations, strategies, and community grant funding processes that advance equitable public engagement and civic participation in The City of Seattle.” The Commission, in its advisory capacity, shall “provide advice on priorities, policies, and strategies related to equitable civic engagement and public participation in City decision-making processes. This includes review of proposals brought forward by the City, as well as ones identified by the Commission.” Additionally, the Commission shall advise the Department of Neighborhoods on the review of community grant processes.

from Mellanie Tanada to everyone: 7:11 PM

can those details be dropped in the chat again? I didn't catch all the districts & ... member at large?

from Luzmila Freese to everyone: 7:12 PM

Also, could you please share details about the position (e.g. requirements, etc.)

from Mellanie Tanada to everyone: 7:12 PM

and where will we be able to find the commission vacancy announcement (when available)? thank you!

from Angela Rae to everyone: 7:12 PM

Vacancies in Districts 3, 7

from Angela Rae to everyone: 7:12 PM

4 Vacancies for the Mayor's office

from Laura Jenkins to everyone: 7:30 PM

Okay, update: I can only update the names of people who are on the phone. So at this point, that is only Felix.

from Martha Lucas to everyone: 7:30 PM

Thanks Laura!

from Laura Jenkins to everyone: 7:35 PM

<https://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/outreach-and-engagement/newsletter>

from Mellanie Tanada to everyone: 7:36 PM

thanks everyone! this was really informative, and yay(!) for being able to start up with CIC mtgs. again. looking forward to attending future dates.

No business held before the Commission; the meeting was adjourned.