



**City of Seattle**  
Community Involvement Commission

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION (CIC)**

October 17, 2022

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Webex Meeting & Seattle City Hall L2-80

**Commissioners present:** Ahoua Koné (she/her), Saba Rahman (she/her), Martha Lucas (she/her), Marcus White, Julia Jannon-Shields (she/her)

**Commissioners not in attendance:** Bill Southern (he/him), Robert Radford

**City of Seattle Staff present:** Alvin Edwards (Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, he/him), Laura Jenkins (Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, she/her), Deputy Director Michael Bailey (Human Services Department, Shay Brown (Human Services Department)

**(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.**

**Community Comments**

- Honoring Michael B. Fuller regarding City Hall incident in June 2022. Identifying racial equity, City government accountability, and community resources.
  - Limited community attendance, only three advocates attending to speak for public needs.
- “Agendas are a fundamental not freedom of speech”, agendas only speak on the key interest processes.
  - Community member asks for answers by next meeting,
    - In the Council Chambers, why cameras aren’t required to be on during meeting & freedom of speech focused topics/feedback?

**Conversation with Human Services Department Deputy Director Michael Bailey**

Questions from the Commission:

1. What racial demographic does Human Services Department (HSD) serve the most?
  - a. Aging and Disability Services division (ADS) is improving their approaches of collecting data around Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) demographics. (Deputy Director Bailey is open to sharing an ADS annual report regarding HSD demographic public health data improvements)
  - b. HSD provides more contracted provider services than direct servicing.
    - i. How does HSD lead and hold contractors accountable of racial equity? Approach is not new, broader approach to be intentional with budget contracting process and address service gaps, racial disparities addressing service commitments with active community-based organizations and members to serve. Leveraging capacity and understanding to help serve greater public health needs.
  - c. Connect people with resources and solutions within the time of needs.



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- d. Division makeup of HSD providing services and contracts through community in Youth & Family Empowerment, Safe & Thriving Communities, Aging & Disability Services.
2. Would you say HSD is more data-informed or data-driven?
  - a. Both, HSD is more data-driven with developing services to help serve community and focuses on the data-informed approach for feedback and building up service methods to improve public services and community engagement.
3. Does HSD do a 1 or 2 year check in with any person they have helped? It would be helpful to see progressive post-care results of positive outcomes.
  - a. HSD, Michael Bailey and Shay Brown will follow up with CIC in writing responses for these answers.
4. Seattle Human Services Department: We advance our Vision and Mission by investing hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts to more than 200 community-based organizations and programs that support strong and healthy communities each year. What kind of return are we getting for our hundreds of million dollars?
  - a. HSD, Michael Bailey and Shay Brown will follow up CIC in writing responses for these answers.
5. Is there a breakdown of who receives these investment contracts, meaning the percentage going to people of color, women, and disadvantage businesses and dollar value?
  - a. HSD, Michael Bailey and Shay Brown will follow up CIC in writing responses for these answers.
  - a. Regional Homeless Authority 91% of \$100M budget for homelessness services, HSD will partner with KCRHA for the 9% additional service needs regarding shelter education and community guidance's.
  - b. HSD developed an opportunity for community engagement to volunteer for shelter, food bank assistances.
    - i. HSD may present the CIC group with a draft of community engagement draft for feedback.
    - ii. Find It, Fix It App for community to notify the city re: transportation concerns, encampment and community city needs.
6. Front companies, those prime contractors who bring on WMBE subcontractors to get the contract, then pay them off once the contract is awarded. Is that still happening and to what degree?

#### Vote on 9/19 Meeting Minutes

Commissioners voted to approve the Community Involvement Commission's 9/19 meeting minutes.

#### Commission Goals/Priorities/Workgroups Discussion

"Who am I? Where am I going?"

- 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)



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- Attending last Tuesday City Council meeting, CIC “we're a commission that's committed to helping you guys research your goals and endeavors in terms of engaging the city”
- 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:
  1. Strengthen CIC’s relationships & visibility with City of Seattle Stakeholders, which include City Council, Mayor & City Departments.
  2. 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.
  3. Retain Commissioners & recruit more Commissioners.

#### Community Comment

- A community member in the arts community moved back to Seattle after living away for a number of years. They feel it has been hard to get back into the arts community here to lend their expertise and host events for the benefit of Seattle community especially Black artists.

#### Staff liaison updates

- SharePoint
  - We set up a SharePoint collaboration site for file sharing, reviewing, and editing.
  - We are currently confirming Open Public Meetings Act guidelines for a site like this before sending the link out to all commissioners.
- Recruitment
  - Get Engaged appointment still pending, haven’t received updates from YMCA recently
  - With budget process, not getting responses from Councilmembers on open appointments
  - Commission-selected appointment
    - Would the commission like to start this process? If you want to use existing applications, we would need to wait until Council appointments are selected because there are a limited amount of applicants for certain districts.
  - District 6 potential appointee has determined that she will not be able to meaningfully contribute to this group in addition to other commitments. We will be checking in with Councilmember Strauss’ Office on next steps.
- Meeting with Department of Neighborhoods Communications team
  - Are there 2-3 commissioners who are interested in meeting with the Department of Neighborhoods Communications team to talk through ideas for making the commission more visible?
- Letter mailed to Krissie Dillin (former commissioner)
  - We mailed the letter to Krissie Dillin from Councilmember Strauss & the commission co-chairs to thank her for serving on the commission.

The meeting was adjourned.