**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

December 18, 2017

6pm-8pm

Seattle City Hall, Room 370

**Commissioners present:** Patricia Akiyama, Alison Turner, Bereket Kiros, Jenna Franklin, Julie Pham, Sonj Basha**,** Thais Marbles**,** Alex Hudson, Emily Kim, Felix Chang, Natalie Curtis, Sally Kinney, Carol Redfield **Commissioners not present:** Ben Mitchell, Mark Mendez, Jeniffer Calleja
**Staff present:** Danielle Friedman

**Agenda and Minutes Approval**

Agenda and Minutes were approved.

**Public Comment**

Kirk Robbins from Ballard. Applied to be on the CIC but was not chosen. Wants to represent Republican voters, which he feels are the newly marginalized, as opposed to the traditionally marginalized. Was active in two district councils and was pushed out.

Cindi Barker asked the commission to speed it up. There are a lot of people eagerly looking forward to seeing what you produce to help people get engaged.

Kizz Prusia, student at UW and writing thesis on community engagement in Seattle. Wanted to come to and see how the CIC was forming.

Denna Pierott, works for the City and is in a new role in Human Resources focused on equity, recruitment and community engagement. Would like to learn about what is happening and see if there are opportunities for collaboration.

**New Commissioner Introduction**

**Sally Kinney** has worked in a lot of community groups. Her daughter was born developmentally disabled and she started a parent’s group on autism and grew into a national group. Has volunteered in different areas, especially in poverty and homelessness issues. Worked as a paralegal and retired about 15 years ago. Works closely with a group called Housing for All. Lives in Lake City and involved in a number of different organizations in her neighborhood. Sally is excited about helping people get involved in the community.

**Carol Redfield** teaches at Seattle Pacific University. Her background is in Nursing. **Statement for Community Involvement Commission, Seattle.** I am honored to be part of the City of Seattle’s Community Involvement Commission. I hope to bring to the table conversations related to older adult population factors, aging issues, and related health policy items. I believe in sharing information because education can empower, elevate, and move all of us forward towards action and health.

**Activity: Brainstorming and Prioritization**

* The Commission Structure work group worked on this activity. The commission broke into groups and brainstormed ways to increase equity and community involvement. Then we will break them into categories and develop them into subcommittees. Themes and subcommittees can help create a road map for the next 6-12 months.
* Ordinance states that the CIC was formed to:
1. 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.
2. Advise the Department of Neighborhoods on the review of community grant processes.
* Internally the Commission has prioritized:
* Be proactive;
* Make advancements and changes that are measurable and;
* Help to empower different communities.

**Action**: The work group will compile the information and bring it back to the group and recommend work groups.

**Co-chair nominations and elections**

**Vote:** 4 co-chairs were nominated and approved:

*Felix Chang*

*Alex Hudson*

*Thais Marbles*

*Julie Pham*

**Action:** co-chairs will meet and determine their individual roles, plan meeting agendas and future work for the commission.

**Review Draft Bylaws**

Reviewed the bylaws, specifically expectations of CIC members.

* Suggested changing the section label ‘Duties’ to ‘Expectations’.
* Set clear time expectations at 4-6 hours a month. Try to create, lean, and efficient process which allows for people without a lot of time to equally participate. If you are not able to participate within the expected 4-6 hours, make it clear and ask for help.

**Vote:** Group voted to approve the bylaws.

Next meetings

The meetings in Jan and February had to be rescheduled due to holidays. Upcoming meetings:

* Wednesday, January 17th, 6pm-8pm
* Monday, February 26th , 6pm-8pm
* Monday, March 19th , 6pm-8pm