Seattle Human Rights Commission MINUTES

Thursday, October 6, 2022, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

WebEx and in person at Seattle City Hall 600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104,
Bertha Knight Landes Room

Facilitators: As listed **Notetaker:** M. Mitnick **Timekeeper**: None (Next month: TBD) (Next month: TBD)

Commissioners Present (13): A. Dailey, B. Quander (Get Engaged)*, C. Alvarado*, J. Abdullah, M. Mitnick, T. Diamond, V. Lakshmanan*

* City Council Confirmed Commissioners

Commissioners Absent (no more than 6 absent for quorum): A. Nyaribo (Task Force Chair), G. Chadha, J. Bechtold, J. Ismael (Administrative Co-Chair), M. Rogers, N. Bennett (Interim 5 Commissions Co-Chair), T. Grandison (Interim Communications Co-Chair)

Seattle Office of Civil Rights Attendee(s): M. Idowu, Civil Rights Advisory Commission Liaison

Public Attendees: Chiuedza Mvundura, WASE

Time	Topic	Presenter
	Land Acknowledgement	M. Mitnick
	Call to Onder and Ball Call	
	Call to Order and Roll Call	
	Commissioner Mitnick called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.	
	Public Comment/Introductions (1 min each)	M. Mitnick
	No public comment was made	
	Approve <u>September</u> Minutes	M. Mitnick
	Motion: T. Diamond	
	Seconded: C. Alvarado	
	Approves: A. Dailey, B. Quander, J. Abdullah, M. Mitnick, T.	
	Diamond, V. Lakshmanan	
	A motion was made by Commissioner T. Diamond and seconded by	
	Commissioner C. Alvarado to approve the September minutes.	
	Motion passed unanimously.	
WELCOME!		
	Welcome Vaishnavi Lakshmanan, Commissioner!	All
	Congratulations to all newly confirmed Commissioners!	
ELECTIONS		
	Elections Voting	M. Mitnick
	Five Commission Co-Chair - Current is Bennett	
	 J. Ismael nominates Bennett 	
	 <u>Communications Co-Chair</u> - Interim is Grandison 	
	 N. Bennett nominates Mitnick 	

- Secretary
 - o Nominees:
- Appeals Chair
 - C. Alvarado (pre-confirmed)
 - o T. Diamond

Voting was tabled until next meeting due to lack of quorum.

IN COMMUNITY

Re: Human Trafficking, WASE Forward support, welcome Chiuedza Mvundura, WASE <u>Document</u>

- Chiuedza Mvundura of Washington Against Sexual Exploitation Forward gave a presentation explaining the work and goals of the organization. It is a statewide initiative that supports policy changes and those that have been impacted by sex trafficking. They have been working closely with Representative Tina Orwall and are partnering with the University of Washington to complete a proviso study.
- Commissioners asked for further clarification on the organization's stance on sex work, demographic makeup of WASE Forward leadership, and if there is a strategic plan. Mvundura is to follow up with J. Ismael to provide a onepage policy outline that can be shared with others.

A motion was made by Commissioner T. Diamond and seconded by Commissioner J. Abdullah to officially support WASE Forward. Motion passed unanimously.

Content of meeting with Mayor Harrell (Date TBD)

- Commissioner Mitnick provided background on the commissions previous experience with Mayor Harrell. The next joint meeting with Mayor Harrell is most likely to take place after approval of the budget. Commissioner Mitnick and Rogers have both created documents related to council happenings and what to prepare for the next meeting. Commissioner Alvarado has been researching and recording Mayor Harrell's voting history. Commissioner Ezra has suggested that the topic of youth in crisis, specially those in foster care or the care of the state be added to the conversation.
- A follow up meeting to further discuss meeting with Mayor Harrell was scheduled for October 20 at 6 p.m.

T. Diamond

M. Mitnick

COMMISSION EVENTS

Human Rights Day

Event Date: December 8, 2022

A. Dailey and HRD Planning Team

Event Name: Reaffirming Human Rights in Seattle Format and Program: Hybrid • The Human Rights Day event planning team did not meet since last commission meeting, but there has been email communication. Commissioner Mitnick is working on panel and participant recruitment. Commissioners were directed to contact Commissioner Mitnick if there are additional individuals they would like to invite to the event. • Commissioner Dailey reported that nomination forms have been sent out. Coordinating the hybrid model has been difficult. Help is needed in coming up with event promotion ideas. No new awards will be adding at this time. Rewards will also not be renamed. Liaison Idowu confirmed that Town Hall is confirmed as the event location. A coordinator will need to visit in person to determine logistics. The next event planning was scheduled for October 13 at 4 p.m. THE WORK Re-Introduction of Seattle Comprehensive Plan Comments from M. Mitnick HRC • Commissioner Mitnick reported that comments for the comprehensive plan are needed by the end of the year A motion was made by Commissioner T. Diamond and seconded by Commissioner C. Alvarado to table discussion until the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously. **Introduction of legislation for Equitable Infrastructure** M. Mitnick Commissioner Mitnick presented draft legislation regarding dignified public infrastructure. A request has been proposed that Human Services provides data on the number of restrooms, drinking fountains, and other hygiene and resting amenities are functioning throughout the city. Commissioner Ezra would like to explore how parking enforcement rates affect those who live in their cares. Per Commissioner Mitnick, this is currently being looked and an additional clause could possibly be added to the draft. Commissioners have been asked to edit and provide changes to the draft documents as they see fit including adding their name as a supporter. An email with be sent in the future providing a status update. • It is requested that a vote be made at the next meeting to approve the legislation.

UPDATES, CELEBRATIONS, REQUESTS **Seattle Office of Civil Rights Update** M. Idowu Liaison Idowu suggested that commissioners begin thinking about a January retreat, how many panelist may be wanted, and how much in stipends they will receive. Seven applicants for open commission seats have been received. Reiterated that a joint meeting with Mayor Harrell will most likely not take place until after the budget has been completed. Asked if we are looking to meet for an hour. M. Mitnick **Announcements** Next month meeting date is November 3, 2022. Submit Nov agenda items before Oct 24 to any Co-Chair. GOOD OF THE ORDER

M. Mitnick

 Commissioner Ismael, Mitnick, and Quander attended a CPC joint meeting. There was discussion around amicus status, the relationship between the two committees, and interest in looking at the police budget increase.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner T. Diamond and seconded by Commissioner A. Dailey to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT DATES - What did we miss? Let us know!

September 2022

- Enkutatash Ethiopian New Year 9/11/22, annual date 9/11
- Mid-Autumn Festival / Mooncake Festival 9/10 9/12/22
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 9/13 annually recognized
- Rosh Hashanah 9/25- 9/27/22 (starts sundown)
- September Hispanic Heritage Month (15 Sept 15 Oct)

October 2022

- Yom Kippur 10/4 -10/5/22 (starts sundown)
- Lotu Tamaiti White Sunday (Samoa) 10/09/22 Second Sunday of October, public holiday 10/10/22
- Indigenous Peoples' Day 10/10/22 observed the second Monday of October
- Diwali / Deepavali / Dipavali / Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikh) 10/24/22
- October Disability Employment Awareness Month, Filipino American History Month, LGBT History
 Month