



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, Oct 19 @ 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Department of Neighborhoods
3rd Floor – Room 370

Goals for the meeting:

- Get to know each other
- Practicing how to build support for an idea
- Understanding how to 'work' an issue
- Strengthen public speaking skills

Discussion Item

Current Events

Indigenous People's Day – On Oct 10, Seattle celebrated its 3rd Annual Indigenous People's Day. Since 1971, the second Monday of October 2016 is observed as Columbus Day on the federal calendar. Indigenous People's Day not only recognizes and celebrate Indigenous peoples, it denounces Christopher Columbus and the atrocities he committed to Indigenous peoples of this land. Many cities now observe Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day (a protest movement that came out of a 1977 conference in Berkeley, California) including Anchorage, Alaska; Phoenix, Arizona; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Boulder, Colorado, and as of 2016, all of Vermont.

Meet & Greet: Anthony Shoecraft

Anthony is a Senior Policy Advisor to the Mayor. He has extensive background in community-organizing. Prior to the coming to work for the City, he worked for CCER (the Roadmap Project). His current portfolio includes: Economic Development, Youth Development, and Education. Some of the projects/initiatives he is involved with include 100,000 Jobs Initiative, Black Male Achievement, and My Brothers' Keeper – each of these initiatives are focused on improving life outcomes for Black and Brown men. He is both personally and professionally invested in this work.

On Dec 17, he is planning a Peacemaking Circle for youth and police. Youth, young adults, community leaders and police will be invited. He envisions this event to be a smaller gathering (60-70 people), to be a youth voice centered discussion, and an opportunity for youth and police to have open dialogue. He is inviting SYC to take part in this event – as participants, co-planners, and ambassadors. **How would SYC like to be involved?**

Feel free to follow up with Anthony Shoecraft @ Anthony.shoecraft@seattle.gov if you are interested in getting involved.

“Make Your Case” Activity

Commissioners were asked to respond to a scenario and make a case in support or against an action. SYC was divided into three groups: ‘Students for Bus Stop Safety,’ ‘Safe Transit for All Coalition,’ and ‘Neighbors against Lighting.’ The different arguments made can be found [here](#). SYC was joined by Sara Zora, from Seattle Department of Transportation and Alberta Bleck, from Councilmember Bagshaw’s Office.

Future Meetings

- Nov 2 Meeting – Presenters: Jesseca Brand? (Zoning 101) & Sgt Adrian Diaz, Seattle Police Department
 - Nov 16 Meeting – Featuring Y-Tech Media Workshop
 - Dec 7 – **Deputy Mayor Hyeok Kim** hosting us in the Norm B. Rice Room (7th floor of City Hall)
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Announcements

- Teen Leadership Summit – Sat, Dec 3
 - Neighborhood Design Charrettes – varied dates. If you are interested in participating in any of the following neighborhoods: Westwood Village/Highland Park, Beacon Hill, Aurora Licton, Othello/Graham, Roosevelt, Crown Hill, Rainier Beach, Wallingford, and South Park – please contact Spencer Williams, from Councilmember Johnson’s Office at spencer.williams@seattle.gov
 - Choosing SYC Committees – Please choose your preferred issue area to focus on this year through this brief [survey](#)
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Decisions

- Commissioners would like presentations to be more interactive. This might be in a game format, PPT, or have materials where they can follow along
 - Commissioners voted in favor of holding a meeting on Nov 30
 - Commissioners would like to ensure there is time built in for them to discuss following presentations.
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Action Items/Follow Up

- Youth Commissioners that have interest in the Youth/Police event on Dec 17 should follow up with Anthony Shoecraft (Anthony.shoecraft@seattle.gov)
- Jenny will reach out to both Jesseca and Adrian prior to their presentation to ensure there is some level of interactivity built-in
- We will keep track of time for speakers to ensure that there is sufficient time for SYC to discuss after
- Jenny will find a room and send out an appointment for Nov 30
- Jenny will schedule Y-Tech Media Workshop for upcoming meeting
- Jenny will start compiling opportunities/upcoming events on the agendas

Questions?

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