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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2018 | 6:30-8:30pm

Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280

600 4th Avenue, Seattle Washington

Commissioners Present: Alejandro Castillo, Byram Simpson, Chris Brown, Deepa Sivarajan, Ely Hernandez, Esther Lucero, Joseph Suttner, Latosha Correll, Lindsay Church, and Manuel Vengas, and Nikki Hurley

Commissioners Absent: Jessi Murray, Julia Ricciardi, Kari Lerum, Katrina Sanford, Lauren Boling, Michael Garrett, and Sabel Roizen

SOCR Staff:

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Chris Brown

Guests: 3 members of the public

Welcome and Introductions

Public Open Comment

1. None

Agenda Approve September Special Meeting, September minutes, and October Agenda

1. Special meeting minutes present adjustment to include Manuel. Special meeting minutes sent by email from Latosha. September meeting minutes correction Lauren Boling. SOCR last name incorrect for Sabel Roizen. Move to approve - Byram – Second Chris Brown. In favor all except abstentions. 0 No. 5 abstentions.
2. Motion to approve special meeting minutes. Moving Manuel to being present and correcting spelling of name. Moved and seconded. Call to question. Yay All (except Abstentions). No 0. Abstentions 4.
3. October agenda. Julia - motion to add 10 minutes after Danni to talk about Seattle Police Department Contract to vote on stance. Seconded Byram. Yay All (except no). No 1. Abstention 0.
4. Motion to approve as amended. Yay all. No 0. Abstentions 0.

Democracy Vouchers Report

1. Democracy vouchers, no person present. Manuel update democracy vouchers. Democracy vouchers update on statistics from the time it was used in previous election. Came last year to tell us about



vouchers. Budget there is \$1.14M allocated for current cycle 500,000 vouchers sent. 20,000 returned. Sets of \$25 increments for City of Seattle residents to give to a candidate for their elections. A lot of races used vouchers. In 2019 there will be a new process for online vouchers. Previous cycle if you lost those for Democracy vouchers. You could send information and send back. Instead of waiting to come back, you could use them online. 2019 7 council seats up for election. \$4.2M for candidates. Each candidate has \$150,000. Question: Would Democracy Vouchers be available in non-digital form? Manuel will follow up. Can we as a commission support for democracy vouchers through networks and social media? Idea for democracy vouchers as a commission we could put out a scorecard of issues affecting the LGBTQ folks in the city of Seattle. Created a set of priorities in past campaign period we set up priorities. Could potentially do again.

Trans Groups Funding Report & Discussion

1. Queer and trans people of color survey in budgetary meetings council members have raised that trans folks were not included in the proposed budget. Great recommendation we can do at minimum. Rainbow alphabet alliance. Originally, we were talking about updating the survey statistics. POC and trans folks started to work on it. Data and gathering data in surveys we count up people are another way to reinforce white dominant culture. Instead of doing a survey the build the alphabet alliance which is built around storytelling. Building communities and best practices. No longer planning on doing a survey that would produce a quantifiable number of LGBTQ+ people in the City of Seattle. Quantitative data from that. The survey should be something the city should fund if there is comprehensive data.
2. Motion to keep transgender groups and funding top of mind in 2019 city budget. Call to question. Yes ALL. No 0. Abstentions 0.

SOCR Report

1. Com Ops
 - a. Retreat planning - Com ops. December 8th will be the planning meeting at WeWork in South Lake Union. Space provided free. Com Ops will be doing retreat planning on 11/7 all are welcome to join in the conversation.
 - b. Retreat planning info share for 10A-4P approximately time. If you would like to have someone. Presentation on 2 spirit offering. Esther - Nikki will follow up on presentation about Rolling out way to better serve 2 spirit offering as a contribution and commitment for broader work. Met Jeffrey and teaching that work and the complexity of 2 spirit identity.
2. Budget Task Force check in
 - a. Budget Task Force check in: Jessi saying having hard time getting response from that. Shared materials on Facebook workgroup page. Afternoon selection of budget committee. Not talking about contract just talking about funding structure at SPD. Contract was for their select committee. Update as we get advice and input from Erika.

SOCR Director Feedback

1. SOCR Director Report – Julia met with someone from Mayors office on our input on the hiring process and the search for SOCR director. Meeting next Tuesday Afternoon with Mayors office to give input to be sure other commissioners have option to voice input on qualities, characteristics prioritized in the selection of the director for SOCR. Feedback now or provide information via email to co-chairs. Please provide by end of day Monday.



Update on Danni Askini

1. Danni not trying to come back to the US. Way she has been treated by the State Department and threats of violence from the US. State Department would send 2 year provisional passport, then mailed to address in Seattle in 2007. Hasn't lived at address in over a decade. Preliminary for asylum in Sweden. Uphill battle trying to convince Sweden that the US is an unsafe environment because thought is a person can ensure safety through the police or FBI or other institutions. Danni has asked for prominent organizations and LGBTQ organizations to put pressure on the Swedish government or on US Elected officials to reach out to the Swedish Ambassador. Some other commissions are looking at releasing a statement in support of her. Manuel - Talk about full council meeting where they are supposed to approve UN Declaration of Human Rights Offenders. Back and forth with Shannon at Councilmember Herbold's office to have a resolution put together in enough time to bring it to city council. 10/29 is the day they are having the vote. Co-chairs have been asked to attend for public comment. Support of Danni and Human Rights Defenders around the world. Keep a focus on the City of Seattle residents. There's support from other commissions who have signed on to what we are talking about with Danni. Esther agrees with aligned with City government. Resolution saying that the City of Seattle support the Rights of Human Rights Defenders. Send out the draft for the UN Human Rights Defenders.

City of Seattle Police Happenings

1. City of Seattle Police Happenings and contracts for the Seattle Police. Few things that the community police commission took issue with. Collective bargaining agreement was an edited agreement which expired in 2014 which was before the passing of the accountability ordinance. The CPC said that it was not edited to align with the ordinance. Few pretty specific points. CPC is saying that the document really undermines last year's accountability ordinance in a few different ways. Written into the language of the contract for contract and the ordinance the contract takes precedence. Additionally, it appears to undermine civilian oversight from the office of accountability. Limiting the types of investigations, the OPA can investigate themselves. Concern because talking about misconduct or criminal misconduct. Removing civilian oversight accountability ordinance. Language around civilian staffing vs police staffing at the office of accountability. Provides a 17% pay raise. Payment part is officers that agree to wear body cameras get a 2% increase in pay. Encompass a lot of issues from the CPC. Collative bargaining with the Seattle Police officers Guild. contract is given precedence over the ordinance is default for officers. Officers have been working without a contract since 2014. Language of the contract should include the language from the ordinance. Manuel for add conversation from budget committee from today. Forward next couple of years staffing turnover with retirees. Replacing workforce. 90+ officers leaving in the next couple of years. 30 or so budgeted in allocations for 2019/2020. Replacement rate is not up to par. How the academy is structured for City of Seattle and for state wide. Only a few seats at the academy. When reviewing contract keep that in mind.
2. Julia - Make a motion send a letter to city council urging them to reject this contract on the basis of wanting to ensure that civilian oversight and police accountability ordinance has more tooth to



it. Seconded Byram - Call to question. Yay 8. No 1 Chris. Abstentions 2 Esther and Laruen. Motion passes.

Announcements and Reminders

1. Co-chairs elections are coming up soon. Checking to see if possible to vote earlier than January. Start thinking about running for co-chair or continue being in position. Talk to co-chairs.
2. Lindsay - Nov 11th is Veterans day. Social media thanks to LGBTQ Veterans. Ongoing court case for LGBTQ Veterans.
3. Roll Call for next meeting November 15th: Chris not here. Byram tentative.

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