



City of Seattle



Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Commissioners Present: Victor Loo, Jessi Murray, Steven Pray, Nate Higby, Raja Fouad

Commissioners Absent: Diondra Braswell, Andrew Ashiofu, Brett Pepowski

SOCR Staff: Janet Stafford, Meredith Stone, Kyana Wheeler

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Janet Stafford, Meredith Stone

Guests: Francesca Murnan

Welcome and Introductions

Public Open Comment – no comment

Approve October Minutes and November Agenda

1. October 2021 minutes reviewed and approved. **Motion passes**
2. Approve November agenda with below edits. **Motion passes**
 - a. Amend Commission Budget vote to 'discussion only'

2021 Budget

1. \$1000.00 left in 2021 commission budget
2. Discussion on how to spend these funds
 - a. Can the funds go directly to organizations, etc
3. ACTION: all commissioners come to December meeting with ideas on how to use funds

Committee Work – Report Out

1. Executive Committee:
 - a. Motion to cancelled in lieu of the December retreat. **Motion passes (100%)**
2. Social Media
 - a. Survey review and reminder to post on social media for trans day of remembrance

4. Comm Ops: Retreat Updates and attendance
 - a. Aleksa Manila will facilitate on virtual platform – please reach out to prior commissioners to invite them to the retreat
 - b. Updates on OPMA and how it applies to retreat provided by Meredith, will follow up with a cheat sheet
 - c. 8 current active commissioners
5. POC: No members present

Ghana Updates

1. Thank you for all the commission support to send letter to Embassy of Ghana. Followed up with Maria Cantwell, US Dept of State, Ambassador who are open to work with commission to see what can be done. People in Ghana have gotten letter and have sent thanks.

SOCR Report

1. Get Engage update – Lilian Williamson has been nominated to be the next GE Commissioner for 2021/2022. Awaiting appointment by the Mayors Office and City council for confirmation. In the meantime, Lilian is welcomed to attend commission meetings
 2. Reappointments: Victor Loo is seeking reappointment, Commission agrees to reappoint
- Unanimous Consent**
3. Recruitment Updates – met to discuss how to improve outreach, integrate diversity, improve outreach. Press release has been shared and posted on commissions social media
 - a. Plan to meet next week on next steps, revisit feedback on interview questions from POC, timeline and outreach ideas
 - b. Connect with Janet if interested in participating
 4. Human Rights Day Event Reminder– December 9th at 6pm – event info shared by email

5-Chair Report Out

1. New commission team member, Kyana Wheeler from RSJI will be supporting commissions leading with an anti-racism lens, will build a resource platform for healing additional resources
2. Discussion on how to engage with new elected officials as a group representing the 5-chair – anyone who is interested to participate, or lead connect with Andrew
3. Improve communication and collaboration among 5-commissions
 - a. Attend each other's meetings
 - b. Refer candidates to sister commissions that might align more with the candidate
 - c. Quarterly in person meetings, depending on vaccine mandates and city spaces

Announcements & Reminders

1. Hopes and plans for next year – commission share out
2. Next Commission Retreat Meeting: Saturday, December 11, 2021

(END 8:08 pm)