

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
(Next month: TBD)

Timekeeper: None
(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 Order and Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commissioner Mitnick called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.	
	Public Comment/Introductions (1 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">No public comment was made	M. Mitnick
	Approve September Minutes Motion: T. Diamond Seconded: C. Alvarado Approves: A. Dailey, B. Quander, J. Abdullah, M. Mitnick, T. Diamond, V. Lakshmanan <i>A motion was made by Commissioner T. Diamond and seconded by Commissioner C. Alvarado to approve the September minutes. Motion passed unanimously.</i>	M. Mitnick
WELCOME!		
	Welcome Vaishnavi Lakshmanan, Commissioner! Congratulations to all newly confirmed Commissioners!	All
ELECTIONS		
	Elections Voting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Five Commission Co-Chair - Current is Bennett<ul style="list-style-type: none">J. Ismael nominates BennettCommunications Co-Chair - Interim is Grandison<ul style="list-style-type: none">N. Bennett nominates Mitnick	M. Mitnick

	<p>Event Name: Reaffirming Human Rights in Seattle Format and Program: Hybrid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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		
	<p>Re-Introduction of Seattle Comprehensive Plan Comments from HRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Mitnick reported that comments for the comprehensive plan are needed by the end of the year <p><i>A motion was made by Commissioner T. Diamond and seconded by Commissioner C. Alvarado to table discussion until the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p>	M. Mitnick
	<p>Introduction of legislation for Equitable Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 cars. 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. 	M. Mitnick

UPDATES, CELEBRATIONS, REQUESTS		
	<p>Seattle Office of Civil Rights Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Idowu
	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next month meeting date is November 3, 2022. • Submit Nov agenda items before Oct 24 to any Co-Chair. 	M. Mitnick
GOOD OF THE ORDER		
	<p>Community Police Commission Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	M. Mitnick
ADJOURNMENT		
	<i>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.</i>	
CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT DATES - <i>What did we miss? Let us know!</i>		
September 2022		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		