

Seattle Human Rights Commission

August 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order, 6:02 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement, 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

- Present: T. Diamond, C. Diego, R. Lockerbie, B. Quander, Ali Khan, M. Koss, N. Leydon, K. Sawycky, R. Joshi, Anika Khan, R. Olden
- Absent: E. Alozie, C. Stevenson
- City Staff Present: M. Idowu

Public Comment; none

Approval of Minutes

- June minutes approved
- July minutes approved

Committee Reports

I. Executive

- a. Commissioners expected to participate in Task Forces
- b. Update on presentation to OCR Management on HRC Workplan. HRC work was well received.
- c. Future dates for additional discussion of HRC workplan include Aug 12 and Dec 11
- d. Annual Workplan for vote next month with quorum
- e. Request commissioners to participate in the Appeals process Thurs Aug 8.
 - i. Kristina, Commissioner Koss, and Dr. Diamond volunteered

II. Events – Human Rights Day

- a. Currently building out organizational list for invitations to Human Rights Day
- b. Team went over the layout

III. Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce

- a. On Wednesday Commissioners Elozie and Quander attended public forum to inform council members about incarceration to low level arrests
- b. A. Elozie has pared back some of the taskforce to focus in
- c. Later in this meeting we will have update from Green Hill

IV. Housing & Unhoused Taskforce – No Report

Unfinished Business

I. Roger Wright Case Update

- a. B Quander updated HRC. A meeting was held w R. Wright and councilmember Hollingsworth. Met with CPC to set up a meeting between them and Roger. We continue to support R. Wright and make progress.

II. Bylaw Approvals

- a. Not circulate for approval ahead of the meeting.

Announcements

I. Seattle Office for Civil Rights Updates

- a. For upcoming meeting with Council Member Moore, please provide agenda by Tues Aug 6
- b. Anticipate August or early September approvals of Commissioners in waiting
- c. Clarification of the process that Commissioners in Waiting are expected to participate actively. Failure to participate during the waiting period may result in putting the application on hold.
- d. Discussion about document accessibility. N Leydon offered to work with Marta

Recess called, reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Review of OCR Presentation

- Comments from N Leydon
- B Quander offered to upload ppt to GoogleDrive

New Business

I. KL Shannon, Our Streets, Green Hill Juvenile Prison Presentation Notes

- a. Karen Pilar; Stacy Stanaway (sp); Emijah Smith
- b. Stacy shared her family experience including lack of community support. Services are harmful.
- c. KL Shannon shared her experience.
- d. Karen Pillar from Team Child with call to action for continued investment in alternatives to incarceration. Inhumane treatment.
- e. Emijah Smith: many titles including advocate at Columbia Legal Services
- f. A press packet has been generated and Karen P offered to share
- g. 8:02 p.m. motion to extend meeting (all approved)
- h. Continued open discussion about family experience

Adjournment 8:13 p.m.

- The next Seattle Human Rights Commission meeting is September 5, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m.