

Meeting Minutes 02/16/17 | 6:30-8:30pm
Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280
600 4th Avenue, Seattle Washington

Commissioners Present: Ray Corona, Luzviminda “Lulu” Carpenter, Manuel Venegas, Blaine Leal, Yani Robinson, Anders McConachie, Hannah Johnson

Commissioners Absent: Julia Ricciardi, Deb Salls, Freddy Mora

SOCR Staff: [Erika Pablo//SOCR]

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Yani Robinson

Guests: Chizuko Ban, Deputy Assistant Director of Financial Division, Secretariat of Osaka High Court; Yuya Iwao, Judge of Saitama District Court and visiting scholar at University of Washington

Public Comment

Charlette LeFevre, Capitol Hill Pride Festival March & Rally: (the Northwest’s Largest Pride Street Festival) planning for a sister march to the national march in DC; Switzerland and Sydney have joined with sister marches with no-name sponsorship (like the recent Women’s march); submitted a permit to the city to march on Capitol Hill (thinking about details like food, water, chairs, facilities)

Question (Blaine): How is the march going to work with no-name sponsorship? Neighborhood grants, local organizations, crowd funding

Question (Lulu): The women’s march on Washington had a mission, vision, and guiding principles. Will there be a mission, vision, guiding principles for this march? Seattle’s Womxn March was deliberately inclusive of trans women in direct support of LGBTQ people and immigrants. Will send principles to Commission.

Approval of January minutes and February agenda

motion to approve January minutes with amendments to add agenda topics and full names for nominations (motion passes unanimously)

motion to approve February agenda with change of typo “Jude Yuya Iwao” to “Judge Yuya Iwao” (motion passes unanimously)

Renee LeBeau and Jenna Smith, Seattle Ethics and Elections staff

Initiative changes rules around campaigning, limits signature gatherers, limits single-person donors to \$500 (\$250 with the democracy vouchers program), public campaign financing that is completely optional; candidates using the voucher program must go through a qualifying process that requires 400 signatures and \$10 contribution from each signer

2 goals of reform: 1) increase the number of people donating to campaigns and 2) diversify the candidate pool by making it easier for people from underrepresented communities to run
Key materials are available in 14 languages; using the voucher program is open to US nationals and permanent residents (do not necessarily need to be a US citizen)

8 candidates running for open City Council seat. Candidates have until June to be qualified in the 2017 election. \$3 million a year levy for democracy voucher program. Candidates have \$300,000 spending limit.

Did four different focus groups to determine what people need to know. Most people don't know anything about campaign financing. Part educational, part reform.

panel next week at UW on 2/22 on Democracy Vouchers

Want to put together candidate training to reach more underrepresented people

5-Commission meeting debrief

Minutes from 02/08/17 (taken by Marta Idowu) emailed out to full Commissions

Main points of the meeting:

- Community event being planned to educate people on the 5-Commissions and allow for community talk-back on the immigration ban and executive orders
- Mayor's Office and City Council will be expanding each of the Human Rights Commissions to the size of the Women's Commission (break-down of seats: 9 Mayoral, 9 City Council, 2 Commission, 1 Get Engaged)

Lulu wants to reframe the 5-Commissions to be People's Commissions, not Mayoral Commissions or City Council Commissions. If people want to work on this, work with Jeremy Wood (co-chair of the Human Rights Commission) on that.

The Community event is in response to the executive orders. City officials (like the Seattle Police department) should be present to listen, not to necessarily speak.

Manuel: Even though we are a sanctuary city, local government is not supposed to be involved in raids.

Workplan Updates

'Recommendations regarding homelessness' letter completed
understanding policies that impact homeless LGBTQ people (smoking bans, safe consumption sites, sweeps, public restrooms)

Question (Lulu): *Can the LGBTQ Commission table at the upcoming Legendary Children event?*

People of Color Stakeholder Committee

Lulu: focusing on the Snapshot Survey; work is built on community-based research by Norma Timbang

would like to plan 2 bookend events to launch and debrief with community after the survey is complete and report is written

June is the launch, survey out July/August/September/October, Nov-Dec. data analysis and report writing, January 2018 launch of report
study partners: Leo Segovia (UW), Tali Jones (Organizing Trans Olympia), Gender Justice League (Yani Robinson & QTPOC Advocacy group)
budgeting: GJL is funding focus groups and honorariums for report co-writers
Ray has volunteered to translate survey into Spanish
Ask Seattle Democracy Voucher people for translating survey into 14 languages?

IA Committee

Manuel: supposed to have vote on updated bylaws (on attendance, adding the 'Q', clarifying language of bylaws) propose to move vote to March

P&DCC Committee

Committee wrote and sent homelessness recommendations letter to Mayor's Office and City Council Members. Letter will also be sent to George Scarola, head of Homelessness Dept.

SOCR Report (Erika)

Commission budget for \$2,000 is untouched at this point.

- Ray responded to Redmond Middle School interview requests (2 8th graders doing a project on Stonewall Riot for National History Day)
- Leadership High School Camp at Central Washington University panel member - will make a pitch for camp to pay for a Commissioner to go; Ray has volunteered.
- Generations Aging with Pride directory - Manuel followed up.
- Judges from Japan - meeting/Q&A happened from 5:30-6:30
- Herbold's Office is working on Equality Day resolution, "Equality Act," will go to City Council vote in March. Seeking feedback from LGBTQ Commission. In response to request from CM Herbold on Equality Day Act Proclamation/Resolution: Yani will send email to Andra about notes on wording.
- letter from incarcerated person who will be released soon, wants some resources about LGBTQ Commission; Blaine replied saying that we work with elected officials; Anders will follow up.
- Blaine volunteered to speak at Funding Forward conference. Panel discussion on topic of how incarceration impacts LGBTQ youth
- First openly Transgender Israeli officer (Lieutenant) visiting at the end of March to early April (would like to meet with the Commission - open table discussion); history: In 2012 SLGBT Commission invited 4 gay Israeli soldiers and then cancelled (documentary made about this event in 2015). Idea: event moderated by a Commissioner, open to the public, invite trans veterans?
- CM Herbold's Office also has given us approval to begin recruitment for three open seats.

Pride Planning

Vote on date for Flag Raising as Thursday, June 1, 2017 passed unanimously.

Community Event Debrief

- Dr. Michelle Cespedes talk for National Black HIV & AIDS Awareness Day 2017 - Ray reports great talk with big turnout.
- Manuel had a scholarship to attend an HIV Cure conference with Timothy Ray Brown, the only person in the world to survive a very risky curative strategy. Most people want an eradication cure.
- Anders has information on accessibility and equity in public transportation.

Announcements and Closing. Hannah moves to close this meeting at 8:33 pm.