



## City of Seattle

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

### Seattle LGBTQ Commission

Julia Ricciardi, Manuel Venegas, and Ray Corona, Co-Chairs

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

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

600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle Washington

**Commissioners Present:** Hannah Johnson, Anders McConachie, Julia Ricciardi, Ian Bradshaw, Joseph Suttner, Anne Luetzow, Latosha Correll

**Commissioners Absent:** Manuel Venegas, Ray Corona, Katrina Sanford

**SOCR Staff:** Erika Pablo

**Meeting Minutes recorded by:** Hannah Johnson

**Guests:** Jim Ritter (SPD LGBT Liaison), Virginia Mason rep (name not captured/attended as member of public), another member of public (name not captured), Seattle Police Department reps Allie and Nannette Toyoshima, Evan Smith (SOCR), Lamont Green (SOCR), Karen Chung (Seattle Community Police Commission), Irene Stewart (City of Seattle Project Manager for Age-Friendly Seattle)

#### 1. Public Open Comment:

- **Officer Jim Ritter:** List of agencies participating in Safe Place nationally, for the first time there were no LGBTQ hate crimes or assaults over Pride weekend, happy to report there were no reports or allegations of unreported incidents on social media, over 5000 businesses are participating in Seattle. Canada and Europe are also beginning to inquire.

#### 2. Motion to approve April & June minutes and July agenda passes.

#### 3. Presentation: Irene Stewart, Age Friendly Seattle Project Manager

- Handouts: report from June 3 event and Age Friendly one-pager
- Age Friendly Seattle started 3 years ago
- Seattle is part of AARP network of age friendly communities
- 1400 people have given input
- There will be a telephone survey in English and Spanish by AARP
- 130 people came to the LGBTQ Aging forum and attended breakout sessions on various topics, Manuel and Julia came and facilitated
- Input from community is collected in report
- Recommendations for the Commission in the report:

- Civic participation: hold meetings at different venues, use technology like Skype so people can participate from other locations
- Update Commission web page
- Point to resources and provide queer-friendly resource information online
- Contact [agefriendly@seattle.gov](mailto:agefriendly@seattle.gov) to send thoughts and comments
- All comments are collected in a database for continuous improvement
- Sheryl Brown in Parks and Recreation is the Lifelong Recreation Program Manager, Randy Wiger (spelling) also is a contact for Lifelong Recreation
- Lifelong Recreation Program and community centers could serve as a hub
- Manuel is on the Age Friendly Seattle listserv. Other commissioners can email to join.
- Task force meetings area once a month and open to anyone
- Upcoming events:
  - July Task Force meeting 7/21
  - Seattle IT is putting on hack-a-thon for technology tentatively for 3 days at end of September (22, 23, 24)
  - Equity Forum Monday November 6 for specific needs of older women, LGBTQ organizations on planning team for this event

#### **4. SOCR Report Out**

- Confirmed council appointments: Nikki, Joseph, Anne
- Last 3 appointments will be CRUEDA meeting 7/25
- Fair Chance Housing legislation will also be at 7/25 9:30am CRUEDA meeting, Commissioners can provide public comment
- Commission expansion legislation hearing Monday 7/24 at 2:00pm, Mayor's office is requesting amendments, CM Herbold is Council liaison for commission, CM Herbold is asking each Commission to send letters of support and to also attend to provide Public Comment
- Erika will connect commissioners to Human Rights Commission to coordinate
- Letter from incarcerated trans community member looking for support and resources for healthcare and other resources
- Lots of folks looking for resources

#### **5. Discussion of Mayor**

- Refresh of previous discussion of allegations against Mayor
- Read former commissioner letter to CM Herbold
- What other options are available? Open public comment to city council, write an op-ed, could hold a meeting or send a letter to the mayor's office
- Commission can move forward as a Commission, individuals can also share what they're doing individually
- There has not been direct communication with Mayor's office about these allegations
- Motion to send letters to Mayor's Office and City Council asking mayor to step down. Motion passes unanimously.
- Other Commissioners are also discussing allegations, Co-chairs will coordinate with 5-commission listserv

**6. SPD and RSJI: Racial Equity Toolkit presentation: Community Service Officer program, Nanette Toyoshima (SPD) and Lamont Green (SOCR)**

- Acknowledging injustice and pain that LGBTQ community has suffered
- CSO officers act as social workers, unsworn officers, serve as a bridge between disenfranchised communities and police
- Unsworn officers do not carry weapons
- Discussing Community Service Officer program history.
- Mechanism to increase diversity in SPD
- Program defunded in 2004, strong desire to bring back and establish Inter Departmental Team
- This iteration may look different, community outreach to determine how program works
- Lots of community outreach and surveys, strong connections to historically disenfranchised communities
- Four questions for community engagement discussing community strengths, pressing needs, important considerations for a CSO program, metrics of success
- Discussion of CSO program, purpose, history, ideas and concerns from Commissioners
- Presenters will type notes and re-send to Commission for additional feedback and weighting of answers

**7. Announcements and Roll Call**

- Appointment recommendation updates
- Retreat scheduling possibly in August
- Latinx Pride Saturday
- August 25-27 is Gender Odyssey conference—scholarships available to people with low-incomes
- Saturday July 22 Alki Beach Pride
- July 29 Black pride celebration and barbecue, Emerald City Pride
- Commissioners will send info on events over listserv
- Possible Mayoral candidate visits to inform on Commission's work in August, limitations on organizing