

Meeting Minutes 03/16/17 | 6:30-8:30pm
Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280
600 4th Avenue, Seattle Washington

Commissioners Present: Ray Corona, Manuel Venegas, Yani Robinson, Anders McConachie, Freddy Mora, Julia Ricciardi (by phone)

Commissioners Absent: Luzviminda 'Lulu' Carpenter, Deb Salls, Hannah Johnson

SOCR Staff: [Erika Pablo//SOCR]

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Yani Robinson

Guests: Brenda Anibarro (Policy Manager from SOCR)

Public Comment

on About Section for LGBTQ Commission, website still says 'sexual minorities' (which is former name of LGBTQ Commission, but still should be updated)

Approval of March agenda

Will vote in April to approve February minutes after they get amended. Manuel entertained motion to approve March agenda (motion passes unanimously)

SOCR Report - Brenda Anibarro

City of Seattle looking at decreasing segregation across various metrics: namely race but also disability. Seattle given data that other cities across the country are getting. Have to make investments in term of housing. Directive from HUD (US Dept of Housing and Urban Development). City has become desegregated over the last few years: increasing integration in the North End and in South Park, more API communities all over the city, loss of black community in Central District and other parts of Seattle proper. Segregation persists in lack of affordable housing and housing options for multiple (3 or more bedrooms) housing structures, population of children is growing but population of kids of color shrinking.

SOCR is looking at ways to eliminate housing bias. This year looking at housing needs of LGBTQ seniors, training landlords on criminal records, trying to account for disparate impact on folks of color. Many people don't want to give housing preference, what are tools to give landlords to do 'affirmative action' for housing?

SOCR will continue fair housing testing, HUD data did not have data on LGBTQ issues, SOCR looked at own housing data with LGBTQ people as a protected class. Fair housing campaigns (bus ads, media campaigns) will continue with input from 5-Commissions. Comment period on SOCR report closes on April 19, 2017. Council adopts on 24th. Then report sent to HUD.

Flag Raising event is on Thursday, June 1st. Hannah Johnson currently working on the flyer. Still looking for keynote speakers. Ray will reach out. Send name/contact info of suggestions to Erika for potential speakers. Having food trucks come so that food money does not have to come out of Commission budget. Send Erika names of Trans Pride-affiliated food trucks. Deb will be looking for entertainment? Budget to compensate artists, performers? \$295 for last year's flag-raising event was AV and food. 3 performers and 3 speakers last year. preliminary estimated budget of about \$500-600 for Flag Raising.

Pride Parade. Pride Event costs have gone up to table? LGBTQC and SOCR will always have a spot up front right behind larger sponsors, other City departments will follow.

April 5, 2017: Event with Lt. Shachar Erez. Private, roundtable event. Not a Commission-led event. SOCR is providing refreshments. Space allows for 25-30 people max. Cannot invite members of the public. Invite Dean Spade from Seattle U?

Director of Homelessness George Scarola could not attend meeting tonight. Can only meet during lunch or daytime meeting. Potential dates: March 23rd or 24th for noon meeting, likely at City Hall. Anders, Manuel, Julia, Yani can attend.

Recruitment Update. Gotten okay from Mayor's Office and CM Herbold's office to recruit for open seats on LGBTQ Commission. Co-chairs Ray, Manuel, Julia are on the Interview panel. Are applications open? Yes. Six people responded to CM Herbold's newsletter. April 21 is when new Commissioners start.

Work Plan Presentations

I.A. - Julia wants to simplify the on-boarding materials into a manual. Commission will be on-boarding new Commissioners approximately every six months because of staggering of terms.

Wants to implement check-ins between Co-Chairs and Commissioners to gauge capacity for people's involvement. Launch that in second quarter? Revise this process throughout the year. Creating development tools for setting goals.

CE&O - Ray wants to better document and coordinate Commissioner attendance of LGBTQ community events, especially around Pride events like PRIDE Asia (run by former Commissioner Aleksa Manila), Everett Pride Festival, Tacoma Pride, Emerald City Black Pride (featuring former Commissioner Dominique Stephens), Trans Pride

POCSC - look out for work plan from Lulu. first meeting of GJL QTPOC Advocacy group and POCSC will happen the first week of April.

P&DCC - We all drafted and voted on homelessness recommendation letter. Hoping to meet with George Scarola in March or April instead of May or June. City seems to be supportive of safe consumption site legislation but State may be an obstacle. Waiting to see how California HIV/AIDS legislation goes forward before making policy recommendations for Seattle/Washington State. Yani brought up discussing legislation that outlaws the 'gay panic

defense' or 'trans panic defense' (which has been explicitly banned in California) potentially as City of Seattle policy or something to talk about with the Dept of Justice (Bruce Miyake).

Equality Day Act & Proclamation Signing at Full Council 3/13 - passed unanimously. City of Seattle legislation garnered national-level press.

Commissioner Attendance - Co-Chairs will create an Excel file for Attendance. Lookout for attendance check-ins in the coming weeks.

Conversation Norms Quarterly Check-ins - During the Retreat Commission agreed on conversation norms. Want to incorporate norms into by-laws.

Budget - Present projected budget for 2017 at the next meeting. Would not hurt to reach out to speakers and performers for their fees.

Community Event Debrief

Deb attended a GSBA dinner. Julia attended Trans rights march. Black Lives Matter march drama — one organizer has been called out for misogynistic and combative behavior. Block the Bunker has called for him to listen to the callouts and support women of color in leading BLM events.

Earlier in February, Blaine sent out email letter asking for the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commissions Democracy Voucher Program to make the program accessible to incarcerated Seattleites.

Announcements - Look out for public transportation mess until 2021. Anders sits on an advisory committee that the City doesn't listen to. City has a large low-income population, and a large Deaf and blind population that public transportation does not serve. City bus lines will be routed through downtown, people will be expected to use light rail more frequently.

Roll Call for next meeting: Thursday April 20, 2017 - Julia, Manuel, Ray, Erika, Anders.

Announcements and Closing. Manuel moves to close this meeting at 8:27 pm.