



City of Seattle

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Seattle LGBT Commission

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

May Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2017 | 6:30-8:30pm

Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280
600 4th Avenue, Seattle Washington

Commissioners Present:

Manuel Venegas
Anders McConachie
Julia Ricciardi
Hannah Johnson
Ray Corona

Commissioners Excused Absent: N/A

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SOCR Staff

Erika Pablo

Meeting Minutes recorded by:

Erika Pablo

Guests:

- Queers Against Israeli Apartheid – About 5-6 members
- New Commissioners not yet Confirmed – Nikki Hurley, Ann Luetzow, Latosha Correll, Mitchel Chen, Joseph Suttner, Ian Irving Bradshaw, and Katrina Sanford
- Two community members that didn't provide public comment but signed in
- Former Commissioner – Freddy Mora

Welcome

1. Announcement about guest sign in –

Public Open Comment

- Samira Shifteh, from QUAIA
 - Comment event with Lt. Erez; concerns about having event
 - Requested to show Pinkwashing trailer for film
 - Request that you view the film and sponsor a show of the film; so Community can view the film, and show at City Hall
 - In 2015, made a request to show the film at City Hall
 - Show trailer for 2:54
- Jonathan, from QUAIA
 - After the issue was raised with the Commission brought me to join Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QUAIA)
 - I would love if the Commission would show the film. Everyone needs to know about Pinkwashing.
- Showed the film at the NW Film Forum and Commissioners attended and engaged in discussion
- Emmett Stanfield, from QUAIA
 - In the events of the Commission canceling the event and the critiques were of Anti-Semitism and it's important to differentiate between Pinkwashing separate anti-semitism from anti-Zionism
 - I'm Queer and Jewish and I'm anti-Zionism
 - Having this background
- Clear that the Commission wasn't sponsoring the event
 - One challenge – it's been hard to get information how these events have been happening with collaboration with Commission
 - Facebook
- SOCR provide some context to how the Lt. Erez happened
 - Google pinkwashingexposed.net and it's free

Approval of _____n/a___ Minutes – We will need to approve April and May minutes at June meeting

SOCR Reports by __Erika Pablo - (Notes by Manuel Venegas)

- CRUEDA Meeting on 5/23 at 9:30 am:
 - SOCR Commissions will present on workplans
 - Collaboration
 - Support
 - Commission Expansion Legislation will be discussed (SHRC)
 - Increases Commission to 20 seats and appointing authority to 4
 - Fair Chance Housing
 - Legislation with Mayor's Office

- Stakeholders and communities will comment on the process and their thoughts on this issue
- SOCR's Legislation Proposal:
 - Cannot use arrests or pending charges
 - convictions only, 2 year look back period
- Katrina Sandford appointment and Julia Ricciardi Reappointment

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Internal Affairs – Responsible for how things function within the Commission.

- Still some open seats and if the legislation passes their will be interviews in the future
- Creating a monthly check-in with Co-chairs; Manuel and Julia set up a sign up genius
- How to get you all onboarded in time and once onboarded check-in with Co-Chairs

Community Education & Outreach – Online panel for LGBTQ youth and ageing and being LGBTQ

- Trying to come up a list with Pride events that are already out; want to list any of us will be present out
 - Role in the particular event or not
 - Transpride, Emerald City Pride, Burien Pride, PrideAsia
 - Sent out an excel spreadsheet to track some of that

People of Color Stakeholder Committee – no update, the leader has step down has

- Manuel will reach out to Gender Justice League to get an update on the Snapshot Survey

Policy & Development Collaborate

- Divide and contact what has been done with it and what hasn't
- Safe Consumption Sites work – VOCAL reached out King County Councilmember
 - David Mendoza had a suggestion; Rod Dembowski

Snapshot Survey

- Updates about the Survey, launch during the summer, and create a report in December

SUBJECT (Name: Michael Louella)

- Community Highlight: defeatHIV Community Advisor Board (CAB)
 - "Berlin patient," Timothy Ray Brown, only patient to be cured of HIV
 - Still no cure for HIV that's asseccible for folks
 - A lot of media claims that there are other cures out there
 - What does HIV cure mean?
 - No need for ongoing medication (ARV treatment)
 - No symptoms
 - No viral progression/immune damage
 - No risk of transmission

- Two types of cure: Sterilizing (Eradication) and Functional (Remission)
- Ethical Challenges:
 - Balancing resources, risk versus reward, participant selection, trial design, cost, and scalability
- What does an HIV cure need to be?
 - Safe, effective, durable, affordable and accessible
- How can folks get the CCR5-receptor?
 - Can get it for \$99 online to get your genome receptor

SUBJECT (Pride Parade Volunteer Sign-up – ALL)

- Manuel goes around room (includes new, not yet confirmed Commissioners and ask if they would like to volunteer and gets t-shirt sizes)
- Over 12 folks are interested in tabling and helping with Transpride
 - SOCR will follow about registration fees and table signup

SUBJECT (Flag Raising – ALL)

- Discussion if we should co-sponsor, participate, or attend event
 - Different feelings about siding with survivors of sexual assault, feel obligation to be a part of event because of community, also obligation not to participate to show community they are supportive, majority of Commissioners are conflict on if they will attend or not
- Commission votes to not sponsor or volunteer with event
 - Commissioners agree if they attend they attend in own capacity as community member and not wear their badges

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING

ADJOURN (8:46 PM)