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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 16, 2018 | 6:30-8:30pm

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

Commissioners Present: Chris Brown, Deepa Sivarajan, Ely Hernandez, Jessi Murray, Joseph Suttner, Julia Ricciardi, Katrina Sanford, Lauren Boling, Latosha Correll, Lindsay Church, Manual Vengas, and Nikki Hurley

Commissioners Absent: Kari Lerum

SOCR Staff: Zahyr Lauren

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Nikki Hurley

Guests: Byram Simpson (proposed Commissioner), Sabel Roisen (proposed Commissioner), Michael Garrett (proposed Commissioner), Esther Lucero (proposed Commissioner), and Jenette Long

Welcome and Introductions

1. Announcement about guest sign in
2. Ian Irving Bradshaw has stepped off of the Commission
3. Avvri Rathsack has withdrawn their candidacy
4. Updates on Commission roster

Public Open Comment

1. None

Approve July Minutes and August Agenda

1. Motion to approve August Agenda and July minutes with edits below. **Motion Passes (motion passes, 12 in favor, 1 abstention)**
 - a. Edit to Esther and Alex’s names in the introduction
 - b. Change SOCR report to say that they are not currently planning on hosting an event
 - c. Replace the Update on Commission Roster with the Bree Collaborative LGBTQ Draft Healthcare Access Report and Recommendations

SOCR Report

1. Update on Commission Roster, specifically those who have not yet completed the required city training
2. Organizations have responded to the Pinkwashing event with various requests such as SOCR taking an anti-Semitism training and the banning of Commissions from taking stances about other countries



Bree Collaborative LGBTQ Draft Healthcare Access Report and Recommendations

1. Background on the Bree Collaborative
2. Michael is a member of the work group to create recommendations in the following three categories
 - a. Inclusive language and data collection
 - b. Screening and taking the social and sexual history
 - c. Standards for LGBTQ specific health screening
3. The report and recommendations are currently out for public comment
4. Discussion of who is at the table creating this report and recommendations
5. The Commission will share the link to the public comment on our social media channels
6. Discussion of the communities of color and youth who may be left out of the discussion creating these recommendations

Housing, Homelessness, & Affordability Committee

1. POC Stakeholders survey partnership- could be connected to the LGBTQ Youth outreach & storytelling project described below. Invitation to community members to attend POC Stakeholder Committee meetings for brainstorming on this project.
2. LGBTQ Youth outreach & storytelling- CM Mosqueda has asked for more storytelling about the intersection of homelessness and the LGBTQ community. The committee has reached out to the Mockingbird Society for assistance. Another potential way to make this happen is to go out to the community and holding focus groups and/or volunteering in direct service with LGBTQ youth. Discussion of how to include both ends of the age spectrum- potentially by going out to Senior Centers and Nursing Homes. History of past Commission participation in engaging with the senior community. *Ask for Byram, Manuel, and Latosha to create a timeline for community engagement.* Communications Committee should also be involved. Discussion of bringing the elders and youth together to share stories.
3. Safeco Field Funds/Reallocation-discussion of asking the Mariners to commit to employing a certain amount of LGBTQ people or give back to the community in another way if they do receive funds. Discussion of the gender inequities in professional sports within the city. Suggestion to leverage funds around Pride.
 - a. Motion that the Housing, Homelessness, & Affordability Committee will write a letter indicating our support for County Council Member Khol-Welles' proposal regarding the lodge tax and including suggestions regarding hiring practices and impact on the LGBTQ community. **Motion Passes (11 in favor, 1 abstention)**

Update: UN Declaration of Rights for Human Rights Defenders

1. Katrina, Jessi, and other SOCR Commission Co-Chairs discussed with CM Herbold the process of having a resolution at the city level to protect human rights defenders within city limits
2. There is history of a previous resolution declaring Seattle a human rights city that is being revisited to see if this resolution should be amended or replaced
3. There is a follow up meeting with Commission Co-Chairs for next steps



City Budget

1. At the last work planning retreat there was a desire to create a taskforce regarding the city budget, including being trained about how the process works
2. Julia is reaching out to other Commissions to see if they are interested in making this a joint effort
3. Discussion of purpose of taskforce
4. *Manuel, Nikki, Jessi, Katrina, Latosha, and Esther are interested in participating. Esther will lead the taskforce.*

Announcements & Reminders Roll Call for next meeting

1. Michael and Lindsay will not make the meeting next month
2. Please let Nikki know if you have scheduled plans in late November or early December
3. September 20 is the 6th anniversary of the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell
4. Commissioners share how they show up in community

(End 8:17)