



City of Seattle



Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Commissioners Present: Victor Loo, Jessi Murray, Chris Brown, Byram Simpson, Nate Higby, Brett Pepowski, Diondra Braswell, Andrew Ashiofu, Manuel Venegas, Steven Pray

Commissioners Absent: DeAunte Damper, Raja Fouad

SOOCR Staff: Janet Stafford, Meredith Stone

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Janet Stafford

Guests: Aja Hazelhoff and Patrice Carroll from OPCD

Welcome and Introductions

Public Open Comment – no comment

Approve September Minutes and October Agenda

1. September 2021 minutes reviewed and approved. **Motion passes**
2. Approve October agenda with below edits. **Motion passes**
 - a. Amend Community Survey discussion to vote under Committee report out
 - b. Add Trans Budget update after to OCR Report

Seattle Comprehensive Plan

1. Aja Hazelhoff and Patrice Carroll from OPCD - meeting with commission boards on the outreach and engagement piece of the Seattle Comprehensive plan, a policy tool that guides Seattle's growths for the next twenty years
 - a. Main objectives: equity, engagement and incorporate voices of marginalized communities
 - b. 2-year process to complete in 2024
 - c. How can we engage with the commission, the community moving forward?
2. Brett: Suggest as the process goes forward, be very clear and intentional about how public feedback will make a concrete difference
3. Aja: Open data and transparency will be important, self-reflective about the engagement process on time of day and availability, childcare and other resources available
4. Patrice: the final six months of process includes Council receiving the plan and asking the public for feedback
5. Aja/Janet: Slides will be resent to be review by commissioners
6. Commission to be in touch for further conversation

Gay City's Permit for New Location

1. Gay City is working with the COS for building permits after moving locations. They should have qualified for a 7–10-day inspection process yet were informed they would have to do a slower permit process, 6-8 weeks. This slower process will cost a considerable amount since they would have to maintain multiple locations until they can move into the new location.
2. Little to no communication from COS has been provided to Gay City. SOCR has provided some resources
3. Bringing to the forefront so the commission is aware

Appoint New Interim Co-Chair

1. Interim co-chair for this meeting through the January is open after Deaunte's departure
2. Andrew self nominates. No others interested
3. Motion to approve Andrew as new interim co-chair. **Motion passes (100%)**
4. Andrew, Victor, Jessi and Janet to follow up with meeting

Committee Work Report Out

1. Executive Committee – debrief on how leads can be more supportive of engaging new and existing commissioner. After loss of several commissioners during COVID leads want to ensure there is consistency, transparency and stability.
 - a. Provide feedback to Jessi, Victor, Andrew or Janet.
2. POC: Latosha's recent resignation opened chair of committee. Diondra interested.
 - a. Motion to approve Diondra as chair of POC Committee. **Motion passes (100%)**
3. Comm Ops:
 - a. Attendances and absentees have been sent emails
 - b. Annual retreat will be led by Alexs Martin, retreat sheet is up to date
 - c. Feedback received includes conversating on amending bylaws and extending terms, recruitment conversations
 - d. No upcoming chair so attendance and retreat will fall back to co-chairs after Chris' upcoming departure
4. Social Media: Survey progress – add a new committee to look for previously concluded and current projects in the Seattle area, especially experiences of trans people color and what they need. Committee to share findings, set goals, perform a gap analysis on the data and then determine next steps
 - a. Nate: incorporate this survey work into current social media committee, carve space at beginning of each meeting in Nov and Dec followed by social media related business instead of a separate committee

Ghana Update & Letter

1. Emailed drafted Ghana letter to commission which HRC has signed to support

2. Current Ghana bill includes ten years in prison and conversion therapy for people, illegal for public engagement with same sex
3. Conversations made with US dept of State - U. S. embassies cannot do anything unless there is movement within USA
4. These types of statements help push forward change and have elected officials make change
5. Chris: Clarification on how Commissions have precedent for talking about issues that are statewide, county wide, nationwide and international
6. Victor motions to sign letter of support to Ghana. **Motion passes (100%)**
7. Public support- idea to have comm ops share letter to encourage community to also sign

Seattle Parks Strategic Plan

1. Strategic plan meeting held with Daniel with Seattle Parks and Recreation and OCR commissions. SPR is seeking to connect with community feedback to update the 2020 plan. They want to make sure they're leading with equity and looking at marginalized communities
2. Strategic plan had forty strategies, promoting health and opportunities- information sent to the listserv prior to meeting
3. Meeting held extensive conversation; commissioners provided feedback on questions

SOCR Report

1. Recruitment meeting scheduled for 10/22 at 3:30p for commissioners interested in beginning conversations on outreach and interview process
2. Get engage interviews have been conducted and will follow with nomination, paperwork and appointment. Applicants who are appointed to the commission have a 1-year term thru Aug 2022.
3. Commission budget balance: \$1,000 will need to be used by Dec 2021.

Announcements & Reminders

1. Thank you and Goodbye to terming out commissioners: Manuel Venegas and Chris Brown

(END 8:05 pm)