

Human Rights Commission

Business Meeting Notes

October 17, 2019

Commissioners Present: Michealea Lemons, Melvin Nobles, Jr., Sarah Lee, Kim Tosch, Natalie Collins, Lisa Snyder, Ronita Boullt, Rosita Castellano, Sarah Nunez, Sarah Rumbaugh

Commissioners Absent: Allen Ratcliffe, Taniesha Lyons, Julie Tran

City Staff Present: Andreta Armstrong, Thomas Okae-Asare

Call to Order

Chair Lemons called the meeting to order at 6:40

Roll Call

A quorum was present

Approval of the October Business Meeting Agenda

- **Vice Chair Nobles** moves to approve the agenda.
- **Commissioner Collins** seconded.
- **The business meeting agenda is approved.**

Approval of September Study Session and Business Meeting Minutes

- **Chair Lemons** moves to approve the minutes.
- **Commissioner Snyder** seconded.
- **The motion passes.**

Public Comment

No public present

Chair Reports

- **Chair Lemons** went to an event about community policing that was chaired by the Chair of the Committee on African-American affairs. The event was about promoting trust between communities of color and the police. A major issue was about how to get the community to trust the investigative process.
- **Chair Lemons** also went to a NAACP Health event by Professor Michele Andrasik. The professor works on discrimination in public health and the event was focused around how public health affects black bodies.
- She also went to the Komen Lunch for a Cure, where \$175,000 dollars was raised from donations.
- **Commissioner Castellano** suggests that the Commission have a comprehensive list of events that commissioners could attend around the community.
- **Commissioner Rumbaugh** suggests creating a Google Calendar
- **Andreta Armstrong/OEHR** will put together a Google calendar and give the information to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chair Lemons** will be out of reach from October 30th to November 4th.
- **Commissioner Boult** notes that Disability Rights Washington settled with an opposing party about holding mentally ill individuals for 14 days without a competency test.
- She wants to see if the City of Tacoma can make a policy supporting that population.
- **Commissioner Lee** went to the Black Collective to speak about the Housing Task Force and concerns about affordable housing.
- **Chair Lemons** explains the upcoming nomination process for HRC.
- **Commissioner Tosch** suggest sending out a list of duties to go with each position.
- **Commissioner Collins** asks for clarification about when she is terming out.
- **Andreta Armstrong** will make a note of who is terming out and send it to everybody.

The Chair adjourns at 7:40pm.