

**Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
Minutes**

March 19, 2015

Commissioners Present: Olgy Diaz, Nicci Montgomery, Richard McGrue III, Joyce Miles, April Nimick, Fred Schuneman, Suzanne Skaar, Lucas Smiraldo, Christopher Winters

Commissioners Absent: Alice Currie, Preston Anderson, Darion Reese, April Sanders

City Staff Present: Marya Gingrey, Tina McLeod, William Yi

Chair Schuneman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Agenda Approval

Chair Schuneman called for a motion to approve the HRC Business Meeting Agenda of February 19, 2015. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the HRC meeting minutes for January 15, 2015.

New HRC Business

- Human Rights Champion Award
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Winters to grandfather existing nominations into the updated Human Rights Champion process by suspending nominations for 3rd Quarter 2014, 4th Quarter 2014, and 1st Quarter 2015 and in so doing toll-such time for nominations in the queue to ensure each is eligible for the maximum one year consideration period. Motion seconded and carried.

Chair's Report

- There will be a "Race: The Power of an Illusion" workshop on Saturday, March 19, 2015 from 10:30am-4:00pm.
 - Time change occurred to accommodate community members who participate in a standing meeting earlier in the day.
 - Location changed to the Asia Pacific Cultural Center to accommodate larger audience.
- Commissioner Sanders has resigned effective immediately – March 19, 2015.
- There are currently two open unexpired commissioner positions on the HRC.

Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner Winters reported that he reached out to the Puyallup Tribe on potential future listening sessions.
- Commissioner Smiraldo reported that there will be a poetry session at B-Sharp Café on March 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM.
- Commissioner McGrue reported about the Selma Solidarity March held on March 8th.

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment

Business Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Action Items:

None