

Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
Minutes

March 20, 2014

Chair Schuneman called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Vazaskia Caldwell, Alice Currie, Olgy Diaz, Richard McGrue III, Nicci Montgomery, Darion N. Reese, April Sanders, Fred Schuneman, Larry Strege, John Wallace, Christopher Winters, Christina Zinkgraf

Commissioners Absent: Preston Anderson, Lucas Smiraldo

Staff Present: Marya Gingrey, Tina McLeod, Vicki Walker, William Yi

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Agenda Approval

Chair Schuneman called for a motion to approve the HRC Business Meeting Agenda of March 20, 2014. A motion was made, and seconded, and carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the HRC meeting minutes for February 20, 2014.

New HRC Business

No new business.

Chair's Report

- Commissioner Miles verbally requested an extension of her leave of absence for another two months. Chair Schuneman will document this request in writing and bring this to the HRC at the April meeting for approval.
- The Citizen's Review Panel is interested in compiling a quarterly report on complaints as well as participating in the HRC outreach programs.
- The *Race: Power of an Illusion* training will be on Saturday, March 29, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Centro Latino. This training is free and open to the community, with limited enrollment.

- The Train the Trainer training to train facilitators for Race: Power of an Illusion will be on Saturday, April 19, 2014, at TACID. It will be held all day and it is free and open to the community, with limited enrollment.
- The Community Response, Outreach, and Education sub-committee should meet in April, and begin to figure out how to coordinate the community listening sessions.

Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner McGrue said that the Pierce County Sheriff's Department's Community Academy is a program that provides citizens of Pierce County an opportunity to learn about the Sheriff's Department. This program is free and open to persons who work or reside in Pierce County.
- Commissioner Montgomery announced that there will be an open-mic event on Friday, April 18, 2014, from 8:00 -10:00 p.m. at B Sharp Coffee House. This event is about people speaking of their experiences.
- Commissioner Montgomery mentioned that Commissioner Smiraldo is hosting another open-mic event on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at B Sharp Coffee House.

Director's Report

Director Hayward was absent. There was no Director's Report.

Staff Report

Marya Gingrey

- Marya Gingrey, referring to the Report of Case Closures, stated that during this period, we closed two cases as No Reasonable Cause Findings:
 - HRC 4675 - Johnson v. Eurest Dining Company
 - HRC 4677 - Evans v. Salishan Gardens Apartments/ABHOW, et.al.
- The training on wage theft has been postponed until the month of April.
- The HRC and the COD will present at the Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee (PSHSE) on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. in TMB 248.
- The HRC meeting in the month of May could turn into a listening session with the Puyallup Tribe.
- The City of Tacoma is embarking on a strategic visioning effort.

Tina McLeod

- Tina McLeod announced that the Fair Housing Conference will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center. Registration information will be available online in the future.
- The Race & Pedagogy National Conference will be held on September 25-27, 2014, at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. The call for proposals deadline is Monday, April 7, 2014.

Adjournment

Business Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Action Items:

None