

**Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
Minutes**

May 21, 2015

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

Commissioners Absent: Alice Currie, Joyce Miles

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

Guests Present: Anita Latch

Chair Schuneman called the meeting to order at 7:18 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 May 21, 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 April 16, 2015.

New HRC Business

Human Rights Champion Award

- Commissioners initially voted for up to two nominees.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Winters to select one nominee. Motion seconded. Discussion ensued which included concerns about Commissioners having chosen up to two nominees. Commissioner Winters withdrew original motion.
- A motion was made by Commissioner McGrue to revote for one candidate. Motion seconded and carried.
- Commissioners re-voted.
- A motion was made to accept Norman Fournier's nomination as the 2nd Quarter of 2015 Human Rights Champion Award Recipient. Motion seconded and carried.

Chair's Report

- OEHR Director Diane Powers will be at the next HRC meeting in June to conduct a presentation.
- Chair wants to schedule a meeting with City Manager to talk about HRC work and an increase in staff support.
- Recognized Commissioner McGrue and Commissioner Winters for their hard work in preparation for the Human Rights Champion Award Process.

Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner Smiraldo is sponsoring a one-day training opportunity in July or August as the Director of Vibrant Schools Tacoma Coalition.
- Commissioner Winters reported on recent advocacy efforts for people experiencing discrimination issues.
- Commissioner Montgomery reported on the City of Destiny Poetry Slam.

Staff Report

Marya Gingrey

- New commissioners will join the HRC in June 2015. They are Anita Latch, Jay Thomas, and Hermenia Jackson.
- OEHR conducted an internal Open House for General Government and TPU staff on May 13, 2015.
- Additional internal staff trainings are being launched on stereotypes and unconscious bias.

Tina McLeod

- The 29th annual Western Washington Fair Housing Conference is on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the Tacoma Greater Convention & Trade Center.

Public Comment

- None.

Adjournment

Business Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Action Items:

None