

**Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
Minutes**

September 17, 2015

Commissioners Present: Alice Currie, Olgy Diaz, Hermenia Jackson, Anita Latch, Richard McGrue III, April Nimick, Darion Reese, Fred Schuneman, Lucas Smiraldo, Jay Thomas, Christopher Winters

Commissioners Absent: Joyce Miles, Suzanne Skaar

City Staff Present: Jerry Lee, Tina McLeod, William Yi

Chair Schuneman called the meeting to order at 6:50 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 September 17, 2015. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

A motion was made to add "True Grit" as an item under New Business. The motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the HRC meeting minutes for August 20, 2015.

New HRC Business

- Human Rights Champion Award
 - Ballots were submitted and tallied. John Purbaugh has been selected as the 3rd Quarter Human Rights Champion Award.
- "True Grit" – Youth Homelessness Panel
 - A motion was made to reschedule the HRC Business Meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015 to begin at 5:30pm and for the HRC Study Session to follow until "True Grit" begins at 6:30 PM. The motion was seconded and carried.
 - Staff will coordinate the location for the rescheduled November 19, 2015 HRC Business Meeting and Study Session.
 - Staff will issue Public Notice of the changed time/location.

Chair's Report

- Commissioner Caldwell has resigned from the HRC, effective immediately.

Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner Smiraldo reported about Vibrant Schools and their research regarding low-income students and education.
- Commissioner Latch extended an invitation to commissioners to attend a presentation regarding a program called Jazz & Democracy at the University of Puget Sound on Sunday, November 8th, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel.
- Commissioner Winters talked about barriers to employment that youth can face in regards to access to entry-level jobs and gaining basic work skills.

Staff Report

Jerry Lee

- The following cases were closed as No Reasonable Cause Findings:
 - *Employment:*
 - HRC 4734 Hood v YMCA
 - HRC 4736 Wells-Holt v Tacoma Public School District
 - HRC 4744 Cravens v Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community
 - HRC 4746 Ramos v Pallet Services
 - *Housing:*
 - HRC 4737 Johnson v Wagner/1801 S. G Street
 - HRC 4738 Moore v Wagner/1801 S. G Street
- The new Human Rights Manager is Andreta Armstrong.

Public Comment

- Reverend Steven Sawyer talked about his church's community work and outreach to people of color with HIV/AIDS.

Adjournment

Business Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Action Items:

- Staff will coordinate the location for the rescheduled November 19, 2015 HRC Business Meeting and Study Session.
- Staff will issue Public Notice of the changed time/location for the HRC Business Meeting and Study Session on November 19, 2015.