

**Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
Minutes**

October 15, 2015

Commissioners Present: Olgy Diaz, Hermenia Jackson, Anita Latch, Richard McGrue III, April Nimick, Darion Reese, Suzanne Skaar, Lucas Smiraldo, Jay Thomas, Christopher Winters

Commissioners Absent: Alice Currie, Hermenia Jackson, Joyce Miles, Fred Schuneman

City Staff Present: Andreta Armstrong, Jerry Lee, William Yi

1st Vice Chair McGrue III called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Agenda Approval

A motion was made to add the following under New Business: Human Rights Champion Award and Administrative Closure. Motion seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the HRC meeting minutes for September 17, 2015 and add the following words after the original sentence under Public Comment, “and outreach to people of color with HIV/AIDS”. Motion seconded and carried.

New HRC Business

- Administrative Closure – Hank v Crossland Economy Studios
 - A motion was made to accept the administrative closure with private settlement for *Hank v Crossland Economy Studios*. Motion seconded and carried.
- Human Rights Champion Award
 - A motion was made to postpone 2015 4th Quarter Human Rights Champion Award until after the HRC Retreat in January 2016. Motion seconded and carried.

Chair’s Report

- 1st Vice Chair McGrue III reported that commissioners received their new name badges and business cards.

Commissioner’s Report

- Commissioner Skaar reported about the Tacoma Stands Up rally against police brutality in downtown Tacoma on Thursday, October 22nd at 7pm at park next to the history museum.

- Commissioner Latch reported the following:
 - Attended all three Project PEACE events that have occurred.
 - Currently attending the Sherriff's Advanced Academy.
 - 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 Smiraldo extended an invitation to commissioners to attend the first Poetry Festival at TPU on Friday, October 16th at 6pm and talked about the Poet Laureate Project.
- Commissioner Winters reported the following:
 - There was a career fair for military veterans at JBLM in September.
 - The Puyallup Tribe veteran's memorial near the Cushman Cemetery is nearing completion.
 - There are local community development projects, where community is engaged in conversation with developers/investors in regards to local hires.
- Commissioner Thomas reported that City Club Tacoma will host a fundraising dinner called "Homeless in Tacoma" on November 4th at the University of Puget Sound from 6-8pm.

Staff Report

Andreta Armstrong

- Human Rights Manager Andreta Armstrong reports that her role is both a manager and employment/public accommodation investigator.

William Yi

- Reconfirmed Project PEACE notetakers.

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment

Business Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Action Items:

None