

Human Rights Commission
Study Session
11/19/2020

Commissioners Present: C. Ivan Johnson, JR Nobles, Ronita Boullt, Taniesha Lyons, Norman Brickhouse, Sarah Rumbaugh, Julie Tran, Keshreeyaji Oswal, Amanda Westbrooke, Verda Washington, Andre Jimenez, Michaelea Lemons, Allen Ratcliffe

Call to Order

Chair Lemons begins a discussion into the current commission's subcommittee

Commissioner Tran discusses meeting with Commissioner Jimenez about the future of the Policy and Advocacy Committee

Commissioner Washington asks about the activities of Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Rumbaugh goes into detail about what the Outreach and Education Committee has done in the past.

Commissioner Oswal inquires about opportunities for new projects. Chair Lemons suggests the Policy and Advocacy Committee

Chair Lemons discusses that she will be sending updated work plans for the Committees.

Commissioner Trans asks Chair Lemons about the plan for an HRC drive. Chair Lemons asks Staff. Staff will find out for Chair Lemons.

Commissioner Westbrooke inquires whether HRC will be able to have any input on the Chief Equity Officer position. Staff will check with Andreta Armstrong.

Chair Lemons begins a discussion about the Care Coordinating Team and the particulars.

There was a discussion about how to select members for that team. Chair Lemons and Commissioner Nobles decided on a random selection process.

Commissioner Washington was selected for the team.

Commissioner Lemons wants to inquire to the Commission about how Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has impacted the Commissioners lives.

**Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
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Commissioners Present: C. Ivan Johnson, JR Nobles, Allen Ratcliffe, Lisa Snyder, Ronita Boullt, Taniesha Lyons, Norman Brickhouse, Sarah Rumbaugh, Julie Tran, Keshreeyaji Oswal, Amanda Westbrooke, Verda Washington, Andre Jimenez, Michaela Lemons

Call to Order

Roll Call: There is a quorum

Chair Lemons motions to approve the business meeting agenda. Commissioner Lyons seconds the motion.

Commissioner Tran wants an edit on the business meeting minutes.

Commissioner Tran motions to approve the business meeting minutes. The motion is seconded. The motion passes.

Public Comment

Chris Chism introduces himself and he wants to observe how the HRC conducts business so he can bring that information to his community in Puyallup.

Davita Hagen introduces herself and she is also a resident of the Puyallup and wants to observe how the HRC conducts business.

Commissioner Rumbaugh acknowledges that she knows the public guests.

Commissioner Westbrooke wants the guests to leave their contact information in chat.

Commissioner Lemons inquires about Black Lives Mural and the resolution. Staff will consult Andreta Armstrong.

New Business

Black Lives Matter next steps

Chair Lemons inquires about how is going pay for the mural will be paid for. She discusses that they want the City to pay for it.

Commission Johnson inquires on where the mural will be located.

Chair Lemons answers that it will across the street from the municipal building on a huge wall.

Nominations

Chair Lemons inquires whether she should explain the chair duties.

Commissioner Johnson inquires about the description of the duties.

Chair Lemons explains the various responsibilities of being a chairperson.

Commissioner Nobles explains the role of the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Rumbaugh nominates Chair Lemons for re-election.

Commissioner Tran seconds the nomination.

Chair Lemons asks Commissioners Snyder and Ratcliffe whether they would re-apply for the Commission. Commissioner Ratcliffe indicated in the affirmative.

Commissioner Boult asks what other commissions are doing to avoid a gap between departing commissioners and new commissioners.

Commissioner Tran nominates Commissioner Nobles for Vice Chair and Commissioner Boult seconds the nomination.

Commissioner Snyder asks Commissioner Tran, if she is interested in the 2nd Vice Chair position.

Commissioner Tran notes that she chairs two of the four committees and suggests that new commissioners should step up.

Commissioners Snyder and Rumbaugh suggest that the new commissioners step up to a leadership position.

Session is adjourned.

It is decided that Commissioner Oswal will be the chair of the Policy and Advocacy Committee.

Commissioner Ratcliffe nominates Commissioner Tran to be the Second Vice Chair and Commissioner Boult seconds the nomination.

Commissioner Oswal and Commissioner Jimenez will co-chair the Policy and Advocacy Committees.