

Human Rights Commission

Business Meeting

2/18/2021

Commissioners Present: C. Ivan Johnson, JR Nobles, Lisa Snyder, Ronita Boullt, Taniesha Lyons, Norman Brickhouse, Sarah Rumbaugh, Amanda Westbrooke, Verda Washington, Andre Jimenez

Roll Call

Approval of the Agenda Commissioner Lyons makes a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioners vote in favor of the motion.

New Business

Andreta Armstrong speaks about the history of the Human Rights Commission and making the information available to the public.

Commissioner Snyder speaks about adding new information to the website, such as the introduction of source of income protections.

Commissioner Washington speaks about her experience moving to Tacoma in 1967 and the context of the progress made in the city.

Commissioner Nobles speaks about his experience with the Human Rights Commission. He inquires about a list of all of the Commissioners that have served in the HRC since the beginning.

Andreta Armstrong notes that she can compile that list.

Staff Reports-BLM Mural and HRC Applications

HRC Application- Andreta Armstrong notes that 30 people applied and that 17 people will be interviewed. Councilmember Ushka will make the choice of who to interview.

BLM Mural- Andreta Armstrong will meet with Amy McBride of the Arts Commission to determine a way forward.

Elliot Barnett is the liaison from the Planning Commission and gives a presentation about the Home in Tacoma Project

The task for the HRC is to make their voices heard with these issues.

Committee Updates

Commissioner Jimenez presents a proposed letter in support of TMAC (Tacoma Mutual Aid Collective). The letter has also been endorsed by TMAC.

Commissioner Washington is working with the Heal the Heart and they are in the beginning stages of their partnership.

Policy and Advocacy Committee- Commissioner Jimenez speaks about writing the proposed TMAC letter and about the HRC doing more to support individuals going through homelessness

Education and Outreach Committee- Commissioner Rumbaugh speaks about how their work with the Planning Commission. She is hoping to resume more outreach with community about the HRC.

Commissioner Nobles notes that the HRC needs to vote on proposed TMAC letter.

Commissioner Brickhouse makes a motion to approve the letter.

Commissioner Westbrooke seconds the letter.

The HRC has approved the letter and the motion carries.

Public Comment

Eric Lozey speaks about city's study of impact fees and wanting to see the work of the HRC.

Lisa Woods, the interim Chief Equity Officer of OEHR, speaks being a resource and an advocate.

Announcements

Commissioner Snyder bids farewell to the Commission

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Call to Order

Commissioner Break-out Rooms

Acknowledgement of Black History Month & HRC History

Andreta Armstrong goes through a brief history of the Human Rights Commission

Addressing the Incident on 9th and Pacific Avenue

CPAC Commissioner Dana Coggon speaks about the incident on 9th and Pacific Avenue.

Adjournment