

## **Human Rights Commission**

### **Business Meeting Notes**

**October 17, 2019**

**Commissioners Present:** Michealea Lemons, Melvin Nobles, Jr., Sarah Lee, Kim Tosch, Natalie Collins, Lisa Snyder, Ronita Boullt, Rosita Castellano, Sarah Nunez, Sarah Rumbaugh

**Commissioners Absent:** Allen Ratcliffe, Taniesha Lyons, Julie Tran

**City Staff Present:** Andreta Armstrong, Thomas Okae-Asare

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Lemons called the meeting to order at 6:40

#### **Roll Call**

A quorum was present

#### **Approval of the October Business Meeting Agenda**

- **Vice Chair Nobles** moves to approve the agenda.
- **Commissioner Collins** seconded.
- **The business meeting agenda is approved.**

#### **Approval of September Study Session and Business Meeting Minutes**

- **Chair Lemons** moves to approve the minutes.
- **Commissioner Snyder** seconded.
- **The motion passes.**

#### **Public Comment**

No public present

#### **Chair Reports**

- **Chair Lemons** went to an event about community policing that was chaired by the Chair of the Committee on African-American affairs. The event was about promoting trust between communities of color and the police. A major issue was about how to get the community to trust the investigative process.
- **Chair Lemons** also went to a NAACP Health event by Professor Michele Andrasik. The professor works on discrimination in public health and the event was focused around how public health affects black bodies.
- She also went to the Komen Lunch for a Cure, where \$175,000 dollars was raised from donations.
- **Commissioner Castellano** suggests that the Commission have a comprehensive list of events that commissioners could attend around the community.
- **Commissioner Rumbaugh** suggests creating a Google Calendar
- **Andreta Armstrong/OEHR** will put together a Google calendar and give the information to the Commissioners.

### **Commissioner Reports**

- **Chair Lemons** will be out of reach from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Commissioner Boult** notes that Disability Rights Washington settled with an opposing party about holding mentally ill individuals for 14 days without a competency test.
- She wants to see if the City of Tacoma can make a policy supporting that population.
- **Commissioner Lee** went to the Black Collective to speak about the Housing Task Force and concerns about affordable housing.
- **Chair Lemons** explains the upcoming nomination process for HRC.
- **Commissioner Tosch** suggest sending out a list of duties to go with each position.
- **Commissioner Collins** asks for clarification about when she is terming out.
- **Andreta Armstrong** will make a note of who is terming out and send it to everybody.

**The Chair adjourns at 7:40pm.**