



Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: June 25, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Room 248, Tacoma Municipal Building (747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402)

- I. Land Acknowledgment
 - a. The meeting is held on Indigenous land: the traditional homelands of the Puyallup people.
- II. Welcome & Overview of Office of Equity and Human Rights
 - a. Diane Powers, Director of the Office of Equity and Human Rights
- III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Overview of Duties
 - b. Nominations
 - c. Two Minutes Introduction
 - d. Voting
- IV. By - Laws
 - a. Vote on each Article (Yay or Nay)
 - i. Article V Committees: – Do we want to include Tacoma residents that are not members of the Commission as a member of a committee?
 - ii. Article VI Meeting – How do we want to include public comments?
 1. Invitation?
 2. First come, first serve?
 3. Can only discuss items on the agenda?
- V. Items for Next Meeting

Meeting Notes and Reminders

- a. Regular Meetings Frequency:
 - i. Fourth Monday of every Month at 5:30 pm
- b. Retreat:
 - i. July 23, 2018 at 5:30 pm

Why do we recognize the land?

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation. It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol.

–<http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>

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