

Agenda

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: September 24, 2018 **Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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

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I.	Call Meeting to Order – Chair Mok		
 II.	Land Acknowledgment – Chair Mok		
•••	a. The Commission acknowledges the meeting is cond	ucted on Indigenous land: the traditional	
	homelands of the Puyallup people.	deted on margenous faria. the traditional	
III.	Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences – Chair Mok		
••••	Jefferson Mok (Chair)	Diana Parra (Vice- Chair)	
	Vaelupemaua Anitema	Silong Chhun	
	George Conzuelo	Eunice Kalembo	
	Jason Gamboa	Hieu Nguyen	
	Saiyare Refaei	Alma Vargas	
	Maria Ramos	Clara Zamalloa	
IV.	Consent on Agendas – Vice-Chair Parra		
	a. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Yay/Nay Votes)		
V.	City Staff Updates		
	a. October 13 – Equity 101 Training		
	b. Project Peace Rookie Roundtables (October 23)		
	c. Human Rights Commission's Proposals		
	d. Legislative Policy Statement		
VI.	Updates		
	Welcoming Week - Chair		
	 Commissioner updates – Notable events, news, con 	nmunity updates.	
/II.	General Business – Chair and Vice Chair		
	a. Finalization of By-Laws		
	b. Possible Committees & Assignment		
	If not already done, each Commissioner will indicate which committee they would like to		

- 1. Committee Assignment (please arrive ready to discuss):
 - a. Events
 - b. Governance
 - c. Language Access
 - d. Law Enforcement or Community Safety (to discuss)

Commissioners:

Vaelupemaua Anitema George Conzuelo Jason Gamboa Saiyare Refaei Maria Ramos

participate in:

Diana Parra (Vice Chair) Silong Chhun Eunice Kalembo Hieu Nguyen Alma Vargas Clara Zamalloa

- e. NW Detention Center
- 2. Committee Structure and ground rules
 - a. For example, should Committees have outside participants
 - b. Frequency of Meeting
 - c. Chair duties of Committees

VIII. Items for Next Meeting

- **a.** Committees: Please hold your first meeting and decide on spokesperson, structure, ground rules, etc.
- b. Report on Committee activity
- IX. Adjourn

Meeting Notes and Reminders

- The December 24, 2018 Commission meeting is canceled.
- Regular Meetings Frequency: <u>Fourth</u> Monday of every Month at 5:30 pm

Possible Committee Assignments (please email your input on each suggested topic by Friday, August 31)

Events Committees

Helps plan Welcoming Week

- Next planning meeting is 5pm, Aug. 20 at Tacoma Community House
- What resources are available to Commissioners to contribute?
- Would Commissioners like to participate?
- Who wants to participate or has ideas to add to the schedule?

Reviews all fundraising request

- Discuss what we might want to fund
- Is there an overall Commission budget for events?

Reviews all talking request

Governance Committee

Inter-commission collaborations
Long Term planning for the Commission structure
Helps with commissioner membership review

Language Access Committee

Draft recommendation or resolution for the City Outreach to have meaningful involvement with the Community

Police or Law Enforcement or Community Safety

Accountability and training for Police (Basic language classes)

Outreach and Collaboration on:

- Information and training on how to interact with police officers
- Community and family safety planning

Protections for victims of domestic violence

Northwest Detention Center Committee

Organize activities of support

Discuss as a group

Draft resolution or recommendations for the City and GEO Group

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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