

Minutes

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: May 20, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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

Commissioners Present: Jefferson Mok (Chair), Diana Parra (Vice- Chair), Hieu Nguyen, Saiyare Refaei, Alma Vargas, Clara Zamalloa, Maria Ramos

Commissioners Absent: Vaelupemaua Anitema, Perla Gamboa, Silong Chhun, Jason Gamboa

City Staff Present: Alison Beason, Korbett Mosesly

Commissioner Mok Called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Mok **Acknowledgment of the meeting is being conducted on Indigenous lands**

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Mok called for a motion to approve the HRC Business Meeting Agenda of April, 2017. The motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Mok requested the meeting minutes from the previous month. Staff member Beason acknowledged to be translated & will be posted on the CIRA google drive. A request was made about when they will be available and staff member Beason said by the end of this month.

NEW BUSINESS

- CIRA Recognized the Service of City Liaison Alison Beason
- CIRA Welcomed the new City Liaison Korbett Mosesly
- The City acknowledged Maria Ramos for her service on the commission
- Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest (AIDNW) provided an overview on their services by presenters Bill Tudor and Shauna Hansen.

Commissioner Updates

- Report from May 4 Convening – Chair Mok
 - Equitable Economic Growth
 - 2020 Census
 - Northwest Detention Center
- Community news, challenges, and potential actions – All Commissioners

- Census 2020 Task Force
 - Commission approved a motion for a Census 2020 Taskforce

I. General Business – Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chairs

- Committee Reports: Updates, Work Plans, and Suggestions for Action
 - Community Engagement through Welcoming Week
 - Governance: None
 - Language Access: None
 - Northwest Detention Center: Report on meetings with City Councilmembers & Committee on Vitality and Safety. Discussion about potential meeting or communications with ICE
 - Community Safety: Potential Survey available in multiple languages
- b. CIRA Work Plan – Collect info about templates or guidelines and establish timeline

City Staff Updates

None

Public Comment

N/A

Items for Next Meeting

CIRA Workplan and Retreat Tentatively Aug. 10th, 2019

Pierce County Census Presentation by Julie Anderson

Language Access Services

Detention Center Updates

Adjourn