

Human Rights Commission
Business Meeting
Minutes

April 17, 2014

Chair Schuneman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Preston Anderson, Olgy Diaz, Nicci Montgomery, Darion N. Reese, April Sanders, Fred Schuneman, Lucas Smiraldo, Larry Strege, John Wallace, Christopher Winters, Christina Zinkgraf

Commissioners Absent: Vazaskia Caldwell, Alice Currie, Richard McGrue III

Staff Present: Tansy Hayward, Marya Gingrey, Tina McLeod, Vicki Walker, William Yi

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Agenda Approval

Chair Schuneman called for a motion to amend the HRC Business Meeting Agenda of April 17, 2014. A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda to include “Recommended revisions to notary requirements and administrative revisions” under New Business, and to add “Public Comment” following “Staff Report”. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the HRC meeting minutes for March 20, 2014.

New HRC Business

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Commissioner Joyce Miles Leave of Absence Request.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Settlement Agreement – HRC 4680 Mavis Burton-Farrell v. Reeder Management, et.al.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Settlement Agreement – HRC #4681 Tiffini Burton v. Reeder Management, et. al.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the recommended revisions to Chapter 1.29 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the recommended revisions to Tacoma Human Rights Commission Administrative Rules, including the recommended revisions to notary requirements.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve recommended strategy to address jurisdictional requirements of Chapter 1.29 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

Chair's Report

- Chair Schuneman announced that "Train the Trainer – Race: the Power of an Illusion" training will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM at TACID. This training is open to community members that have previously attended a "Race: the Power of an Illusion" workshop within the past 6 months.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Smiraldo

- The Race & Pedagogy National Conference will be held on September 25-27, 2014, at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. The four keynote speakers are Angela Davis, Winona LaDuke, Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva.
- Commissioner Smiraldo announced that there will be a live music performance on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM at B Sharp Coffee House.

Commissioner Montgomery

- Commissioner Montgomery announced that there will be an open-mic event on Friday, April 18, 2014 at 8:00 PM at B Sharp Coffee House. This event is about people speaking of their experiences.

Commissioner Winters

- The Camo 2 Commerce program assists transitioning military service members by providing them with tools, clothes and resources. They are located in Lakewood.

Director's Report

- Director Hayward announced that the Human Services Commission is in the process of revising the Human Services Strategic Plan. They would like input from Tacoma residents on the following dates:
 - April 29, 2014, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Peace Community Center (2106 S Cushman Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405).
 - April 30, 2014, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center (4851 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409).
 - May 1, 2014, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Family Investment Center (1724 E. 44th St, Tacoma, WA 98404).

- City of Tacoma and community partners are expanding “Summer Jobs 253,” which started as a pilot program in 2013.
- The NCS Department’s Code Enforcement and Compliance section recently finished a citywide survey of major corridors for code compliance and informational post cards have been sent to 1400 property owners.

Staff Report

Marya Gingrey

- Marya Gingrey, referring to the Report of Case Closures, stated that during this period, we closed one case as No Reasonable Cause Findings:
 - HRC 4669 – Belyea v. The Carlton/Metropolitan Management, et.al.
- The Governing for Racial Equity Conference was held in Portland, Oregon from March 24-26, 2014. Three themes were highlighted; the importance of transformational change rather than transactional change, authentic community engagement, and the importance of inside and outside strategies (organizations and institutions in tandem with community groups).
- There will be a Social Justice Community of Interest discussion on Saturday, April 26, 2014, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Centro Latino, 1208 South 10th Street, Tacoma, WA 98405. This is for community members who are interested in collaboratively promoting social justice in the Puyallup River Watershed and Tacoma. Childcare and transportation available. Refreshments and lunch provided. To RSVP, please call 503-912-4033 or email piercecountysocialjustice@gmail.com
- HRC Commissioners are invited to provide input to the Human Services Strategic Plan on the following dates:
 - Focus group on Thursday, May 8, 2014, from 2:30 to 4:30 PM at the Tacoma Municipal Building in Room 148.
 - Focus group on Friday, May 9, 2014, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Fleet Ops Conference Room.
 - Strategic Plan Draft Presentation on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Fleet Ops Conference Room.

Tina McLeod

- Tina McLeod announced that the Fair Housing Conference will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center.

Adjournment

Business Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Action Items:

None