

**NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
MEETING MINUTES • August 14, 2012 • CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 4

1 10. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Sutton.

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3 20. **Roll Call:**

4 Commission Chair Shirley Sutton Council Liaison Mark Smith

5 Commission Vice Chair Glenda Powell-Freeman Director Lynn Sordel

6 Commissioner Rosamaría Graziani Staff Member Julie Moore

7 Commissioner Gloria Sepulveda

8 Commissioner Angel Shimelish

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10 30. **Approval of Minutes:** None

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12 40. **Public Comments:** Guests in attendance included Council Member Van AuBuchon and  
13 Commission Applicant Pining Reyes.

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15 50. **New Business:**

16 50.1 **Welcome New Commissioners:** Commission applicants Gloria Sepulveda and Angel  
17 Shimelish were formally approved by City Council on Monday, August 13. Staff Liaison  
18 Julie Moore will be getting the new commissioners notebooks and name badges.

19 50.2 **Center for Ethical Leadership Training:** Commissioner Sepulveda discussed her  
20 experience attending the Center for Ethical Leadership Training in 1996. The Center for  
21 Ethical Leadership hosts a 9 month training session and their mission is to be a “catalyst for  
22 creating a just society.” Commissioner Sepulveda discussed the journey she went through  
23 in creating her own personal core values. Chair Sutton told the Commission that we should  
24 use some of these exercises to help guide us in updating our strategic plan.

25 50.3 **Commissioners Updates:**

26 Vice Chair Powell-Freeman: Attended the Latino Business Fair and reported great  
27 turn out. Commissioners Sutton and Graziani did a fantastic job and she really  
28 enjoyed herself.

29 Commissioner Graziani: Reported that LETI is co-sponsoring a Health Fair on  
30 August 26 at St. Elizabeth in Bothell. There will be free dtap immunizations and  
31 mammograms. She will email the Commission a flyer. Also reported that there is a  
32 Nigerian Convention on Friday, August 31.

33 Commissioner Shimelish: Reported that the EAACH committee is reviewing the  
34 academic calendar, and there will be a meeting the first week of school to develop an  
35 action plan.

36 Chair Sutton: Reported there is a Candidates’ Forum planning meeting on Saturday.  
37 She will plan on attending the first Council Business Meeting to make a public  
38 comment about the event. Also reported that on September 29 from 9am-3pm there  
39 will be a Pacific Islander Summit at South Seattle Community College.

40 Council Liaison Smith: Reported that Puget Sound Regional Council received a large  
41 grant from HUD and they are looking into social justice and equity issues as it relates  
42 to light rail. If you are interested in finding out more information, contact the Council  
43 Liaison on his work email.

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45 60. **Old Business:**

46 60.1 **Fall Forum Planning: Candidates’ Forum:** Chair Sutton stressed that it is very  
47 important for the Diversity Commission to take a strong leadership role in this forum. Chair  
48 Sutton sent a copy of the agenda out to the planning committee. Please take a look at that  
49 email and think about what areas you would like to be responsible for. There was a

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1 discussion surrounding what type of translation would be available during the forum. It was  
2 decided that Commissioner Graziani would type the transcript of the forum and it would be  
3 projected for the Spanish speaking audience. Chair Sutton requested that Commissioners  
4 do some research and craft some questions that will be asked of the candidates. Staff  
5 Liaison Moore will craft a script for placing follow up phone calls to candidates and  
6 prepare the press release.

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8 **70. Staff Update:**

9 **70.1 Mid-Year Financial Update:** Director Sordel reported that the Recreation Division  
10 has been outperforming projections and under spending. There have been a lot of changes  
11 in regards to staffing and programing and the team is stepping up and doing a fantastic job.  
12 The Recreation Center averages 35,000 visitors per month. Director Sordel reported that  
13 we are currently conducting an economic impact study to see what impacts the Recreation  
14 Center is having on the community.

15 **70.2 Joint Meeting:** Director Sordel reported that the next Joint Board and Commission  
16 meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2012 at 7pm. We will use this meeting to review the  
17 proposed budget.

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19 **80. Council Liaison Update:** Council Liaison Smith reported that the City Council is on  
20 summer recess until September 4.

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22 **90. Comments for the Good of the Order:** Chair Sutton commented that the Diversity  
23 Commission will never give up. She stated that it may have taken over a year to get enough  
24 members for a quorum, but now we have quality members.

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26 **100. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.