

**NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
MEETING MINUTES • May 14, 2013 • CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 4

1 10. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Sutton.

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3 20. **Roll Call:**

4 Commission Chair Shirley Sutton

Commissioner Pining Reyes

5 Commission Vice Chair Glenda Powell-Freeman

Commissioner Marilyn Calbert (absent)

6 Commissioner Rosamaría Graziani

Council Liaison Christopher Boyer

7 Commissioner Gloria Sepulveda

Staff Member Julie Moore

8 Commissioner Angel Shimelish

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10 30. **Approval of Minutes:** Vice Chair Powell-Freeman moved to approve the April 9, 2013  
11 Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Shimelish seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously  
12 approved.

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14 40. **Public Comments:** Maria Ambalada was present and reported that the Snohomish County  
15 Council on Aging has identified emergency preparedness information dissemination as a  
16 top priority and they are asking for community support. Staff Liaison Moore encouraged  
17 Maria Ambalada to connect with Shannon Sessions, Crime Prevention Specialist, to  
18 coordinate having this information available during National Night Out. Commission  
19 discussed the possibility of inviting someone from the Fire Department or ESCA to an  
20 upcoming meeting to educate the Commission on emergency preparedness.

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22 Thuy Nguyen, Branch Manager of Umpqua Bank was in attendance. The Lynnwood  
23 branch is working with the community on several community awareness activities and she  
24 wanted to introduce herself to the Commission.

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26 50. **New Business:**

27 50.1 **Stand Against Racism Event Debrief:** Overall the Commissioners felt that we had a  
28 positive and uplifting event. We had great speakers and performers lined up and we  
29 appreciated the Mayor and Council Presidents remarks. There was discussion regarding the  
30 time of day for the event. Next year we will explore after work options or possibly a  
31 weekend event. We are hoping to get better attendance at next year's event.

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33 50.2 **YWCA Inspire Luncheon Debrief:** Chair Sutton, Commissioner Shimelish and  
34 Commissioner Reyes were able to attend the YWCA Inspire Luncheon with the Mayor and  
35 some other city staff members. It was a great, uplifting luncheon and the YWCA met their  
36 fundraising goals. The Commission would like to host a table again next year.

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38 60. **Old Business:**

39 60.1 **Domestic Violence Training Event Planning:** The DV Training is scheduled for  
40 Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Lynnwood Senior Center. Check-in will be at 9am and training  
41 begins at 9:30am. Commissioners please arrive by 8:30am. Rosamaría will be providing  
42 interpretative services and will coordinate with Staff Liaison Moore to ensure her A/V  
43 needs are met.

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45 60.2 **Community Forum Planning:** Commissioners brainstormed possible fall forum  
46 topics:

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- Bullying, social media, kids. Should connect with Edmonds School District for this  
48 forum.

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- 1 • Change within the city. Diversity Commission can advocate for changing the internal
- 2 demographics of city employees.
- 3 • Bring back Human Resources Director and discuss diversity and hiring practices.
- 4 • Candidates forum
- 5 • Budget forum

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7 **70. Commissioners Reports:**

8 **Angel Shimelish:** Summer math and reading programs are available this summer along

9 with the free lunch program.

10 **Glenda Powell-Freeman:** She assisted with a BBQ fundraiser at her church and raised

11 over \$2,300 and also a fashion show fundraiser benefiting domestic violence.

12 **Pining Reyes:** Reminded Commissioners about An Evening to Remember at the Black

13 Box Theatre benefitting homeless students.

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15 **80. Staff Update:**

16 **80.1 Celebration of Food Festival:** Reminder that the Celebration of Food Festival is

17 scheduled for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lynnwood Convention Center. It is a great family-

18 friendly event and all Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

19 **80.2 Clothes For Kids – Stuff the Truck:** The city-wide clothing drive benefiting Clothes

20 For Kids ends on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> with a Stuff the Truck event at the Lynnwood

21 Convention Center.

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23 **90. Council Liaison Update:** Council Liaison Boyer reported that the DV Training was

24 announced at last night's Business Meeting. He also reported that Council is working on

25 redevelopment of the old Lynnwood High School site. They are looking at quality of life

26 issues, working to develop affordable housing policy. Council President Simmonds,

27 Councilmembers Boyer and Smith are working together on a better solution to help

28 Lynnwood's homeless community, possibly developing a site for year-round sheltering or

29 day sheltering.

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31 **100. Comments for the Good of the Order:**

32 **100.1** The June Commission meeting will be a Joint Board and Commission meeting scheduled

33 for Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

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35 **110. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.