

NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES • November 18, 2014 • 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 Ty Tufono (absent)
5 Commission Vice Chair Rosamaría Graziani	Commissioner Berel Paltiel (absent)
6 Commissioner Glenda Powell-Freeman	Council Liaison Christopher Boyer (absent)
7 Commissioner Angel Shimelish	Executive Office Liaison Art Cenzia (absent)
8 Commissioner Pining Reyes	Staff Member Julie Moore

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10 30. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Powell-Freeman moved to approve the minutes from
11 October 14, 2014, including an amendment from Vice Chair Graziani. Commissioner
12 Reyes seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved.

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14 40. **Public Comments:** There were several members of the public in attendance including:
15 David Plodwick, interested in learning more about the Commission; Larissa Stanberry,
16 Commission Candidate; Barbara Cornell, interested in learning more about the
17 Commission; Chris Frizell, interested in the Commission; Greg Roberts, Interim Human
18 Resources Director; and Lacey Harper, the NW Regional Representatives for Governor Jay
19 Inslee's office.

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21 50. **Council Liaison Update:** None

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23 60. **New Business:**

24 60.1 **Northwest Regional Representative, Office of Governor Jay Inslee:** Lacey Harper,
25 the NW Regional Representative from Governor Jay Inslee's office was in attendance. She
26 reported to the Commission that the Governor wants to engage and provide access to his
27 office. She gave a report of the budget preparations the Governor is going through. The
28 Governor has been doing some outreach: hosting round table discussions, working closely
29 with the WA State Commissions. The Diversity Commission is hosting the June Board
30 Meeting of the WA State Commission on Asian-Pacific Affairs and we would like to
31 extend an invitation to the Governor.

32 60.2 **WA Commission for Asian-Pacific Affairs Board Meeting:** Tabled

33 60.3 **Budget Update and Commission's Involvement:** Staff Liaison Moore gave the
34 Commission and update on the budget process to date. She reviewed the proposed revenue
35 enhancements, and budget reductions. Vice Chair Graziani led a discussion on proposing a
36 reformulation of the Business License Tax structure as well as the Property Tax proposal.
37 Staff Liaison Moore reported to the Commission that Finance Director Lorenzo Hines has
38 left the city for a position with the City of Pacifica, CA. His departure was unexpected and
39 the city is currently searching for an interim Finance Director to help guide the city through
40 the end of the budget process when a full search can be done for a permanent replacement.

41 60.4 **2015 MLK Celebration:** Staff Liaison Moore gave the Commission an update on the
42 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. The keynote speaker is Emory Douglas, who is
43 an ex-Black Panther and political artists. The event will be held at the Black Box theatre on
44 the Edmonds Community College Campus on Thursday, January 15. There was discussion
45 on the Commission's participation and the possibility of doing a separate event.

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47 70. **Staff Update:**

48 70.1 **Human Resources Director Interviews:** Staff Liaison Moore reported that Human
49 Resources Director interviews will be held tomorrow and Chair Shirley Sutton is

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- 1 participating on one of the interview panels. After the staff interviews, the Mayor's top
2 three candidates will then be interviewed by the City Council.
- 3 **70.2 Diversity Labor Exchange:** Staff Liaison Moore and Commissioner Powell-Freeman
4 will be attending the Diversity Labor Exchange to see if this is something the Commission
5 could partner on in the future.
- 6 **70.3 Menorah Lighting Ceremony:** Commissioner Paltiel will be hosting a Menorah
7 Lighting Ceremony on December 21st at 3pm at Wilcox Park. Please join us in the
8 celebration.
- 9 **70.4 Diversity Commission – Economic Taskforce:** Staff Liaison Moore reported that the
10 Economic Development Taskforce would like to meet with the Diversity Commission to
11 gain their feedback on ways that the city can work to develop programs to recognize a
12 community of diversity, connectively and working together with a diverse business
13 community. Staff will provide more details shortly.
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- 15 **80. Old Business:** None
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- 17 **90. Comments for the Good of the Order:**
- 18 90.1 Vice Chair Graziani reported that she and Commissioner Tufono attended the KSER
19 Voice of the Community Awards and it was a very inspiring event.
- 20 90.2 Vice Chair Graziani would like the Commission to discuss hosting an event similar to
21 the Feast of Friends she attended recently.
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- 23 **100. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Chair Sutton.