

**NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
MEETING MINUTES • March 10, 2015 • CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

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3 20. **Roll Call:**

4 Commission Chair Rosamaría Graziani

Council Liaison Ian Cotton

5 Commission Vice Chair Berel Paltiel

Executive Office Liaison Art Ceniza

6 Commissioner Glenda Powell-Freeman

Staff Member Tracy Sloan

7 Commissioner Shirley Sutton

8 Commissioner Pining Reyes (telecom)

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10 30. **Approval of Minutes:** There was some discussion related to not recording attendees and  
11 striking it from the minutes except for Ted Hikel as he did address the commission. Also  
12 the public attending was not interested in signing in. Commissioner Powell-Freeman  
13 moved for the minutes to be approved with the removal of the public attendees.  
14 Commissioner Paltiel seconded. Minutes unanimously approved with removal of public  
15 attendees.

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17 40. **Public Attendees:** Ted Hikel

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19 **Ted Hikel - Recognizing neighborhood organizations.** Mr. Hikel distributed a memo and  
20 discussed with the commission about having their support in recognizing neighborhood  
21 organizations. Commission Powell-Freeman indicated that the commission appreciated  
22 the request and would look into it.

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24 50. **Council Liaison Update:** Councilmember Cotton commented about the Black History  
25 Event being amazing and the best event he had ever attended. The Council is continuing  
26 with the City's Comprehension Plan. Councilmember Cotton expressed his desire to help  
27 initiate policy changes.

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29 60. **New Business:**

30 60.1 **Chair Graziani** expressed appreciation for the efforts on Black History event. The  
31 event was well attended and Shirley did an excellent job as the MC, the speaker and the  
32 choir was excellent as well. Various comments were shared from the event.

33 60.2 **City e-mail addresses for commissioners** was requested by Chair Graziani but have  
34 not heard anything concerning the status. Tracy suggested that the request be put  
35 through the City's help desk.

36 60.2 **Chair Graziani repeating events in 2015 and proposed events.**

37 1. Stand Against Racism - Commissioners Sutton and Reyes will follow-up with YWCA.

38 2. National Day of Remembrance - Commissioner Vice-Chair Paltiel will follow-up with Jewish  
39 Community.

40 3. Park & Recreation is hosting CPR/First Aid/A.E.D. event on June 6, 2015 Commissioner Chair  
41 Graziani would contact Andrea Robinson about a Spanish version of the class and will  
42 volunteer as an interpreter.

43 Commissioner Powell-Freeman made a motion that the Commission supports the Park and  
44 Recreation department's CPR day with Spanish interpretation. Commissioner Paltiel  
45 seconded and the motion passed.

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- 1 4. Hispanic Heritage Month –September 15, 2015 – October 15, 2015. Chair Graziani will follow  
2 up. Also, she suggested a person to come from Colorado – Need roundtrip flight and venue  
3 which she suggested a park.  
4 5. International Band from Mexico will be Seattle for their International Gala- Commissioner  
5 Chair Graziani will follow-up for June 22, 2015.  
6 **Other activities suggested by Commissioners:**  
7 6. Town Hall on Budget for the month of November 2015: such as what are the effects of the  
8 budget 2015-16 on low-income/businesses?  
9 7. Town Hall on Safety for the month of May or June such as how can we keep safe in our  
10 homes from break-ins?  
11 8. M L King Celebration for January 2016 need to set-up planning committee.

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13 **70. Staff Update:**

14 70.1 **Art Ceniza:** Commission’s budget. There is not any money specifically in the budget.  
15 The money that was in the Julie’s budget for events was transferred into the Park and  
16 Recreation budget for Community outreach. Art suggested the commission have a  
17 strategic plan of action and submit it to the Executive Office. The City does want to  
18 conversations with communities on issues and have the commission advice regarding  
19 implementing the Community Vision of 2009. Commissioner Reyes asked if there was a  
20 form for asking for money and Art answered that there was not a specific form.

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22 **80. Comments for the Good of the Order:**

23 90.1 March 16<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. there will be a retreat for the City’s vision. The Mayor is willing to  
24 pay for a facilitator to help with the Commission strategic plan.

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26 **90. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Chair Graziani.