

NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES • February 9, 2016 • CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1 **10. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Glenda Powell-Freeman.
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3 **20. Roll Call:**

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| 4 Commission Position 1 - <i>vacant</i> | Commission Position 2 - <i>vacant</i> |
| 5 Commissioner Vice-Chair Angel Shimelish- | Commissioner Chair Glenda Powell-Freeman |
| 6 Commission Rosamaría Graziani | Commission Position 6 - <i>vacant</i> |
| 7 Commission Position 7 - <i>vacant</i> | Council Liaison Christopher Boyer |
| 8 Executive Office Liaison Art Ceniza | Staff Liaison Tracy Sloan |

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10 Executive Office Liaison Ceniza informed the commission of Commission Berel Paltiel's resignation.
11 A discussion followed.
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13 **30. Public Comments** – Several individuals spoke, (Brenda León, Ingrid León, Bryan Sibaja, Anahí
14 Andrade, José Brito, Ena Brito, and Pining Reyes) related to various topics such as resources within
15 the schools to keep kids in school; police brutality around the nation; and with a recent occurrence
16 of a person carrying a firearm in a public building it is important to make public buildings safer.
17 Several spoke of availability of City buildings for cultural events.
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19 **40. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from January meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Graziani
20 moved to approve minutes. Commissioner Shimelish seconded the motion. The minutes were
21 approved.
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23 **50. Council Liaison Update** – The council is looking at some efficiency studies. One would be for the
24 criminal justice – listen for announcements. Latino Art Club meets on Saturdays at the Senior
25 Center.
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27 **60. Old Business**

28 **60.1 Draft Commission activities for 2015** - Staff Liaison Sloan presented the 2015 report for review
29 and approval of the Commission. Executive Office Liaison Ceniza briefed the Commission on the
30 process. The commissions are asked to go to a Council meeting, present the report and engage with
31 the Council related to the prior year activities and accomplishments. The Commissioners will review
32 and sent changes to Staff Liaison Sloan who will make changes and present for approval next month.

33 **50.2 MLK event** – January 14, 2016 - Chair Powell-Freeman talked about the MLK event which was
34 during the day and also an evening event. It was first rate and phenomenal. Dr. Dyson was an
35 excellent choice. Former Commissioner Shirley Sutton was involved in the planning for the event.

36 **50.2 Joint Commission Meeting** – Chair Powell-Freeman and Former Commissioner Reyes attended
37 the January 13th Joint Commission Meeting where the 2015-2025 Parks, Arts, Recreation &
38 Conservation Plan (PARC) was presented. The 10 year PARC Plan is a long range planning document
39 that works together with the City of Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan and the Capital Facilities Plan to
40 provide goals and create an action plan for providing park and recreation services through 2025. It
41 was a very good and informative event.

42 **70. New Business:**

43 **70.1 Race conference – UW - Bothell** – Chair Powell-Freeman informed the Commission about the
44 2016 Race Conference April 9th, 2nd Saturday of the month. She highly recommended that the
45 Commission partner with the NWCP. She will keep the Commission in the loop.

46 **70.2 Briefing key things from Council Retreat** – Council Liaison Boyer briefed the Commission.
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1 Council and City Administration are Budgeting for Outcomes. It is a ground zero approach with
2 priorities. They will be gathering information. Community Disaster Preparedness, new businesses
3 coming to Lynnwood, financial reserves and public safety was discussed. He encouraged the
4 Diversity Commission to bring their priorities for the 17-18 budget well in advance.

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6 A discussion followed related to the Commission in the past hosting a Town Hall meeting for citizen
7 engagement related to the budget, its process and citizen priorities.

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9 **80. Staff Updates** – Executive Office Liaison spoke of the budget process and schedule. A Muslim leader
10 from the Community came and talked with the department directors. There will be diversity training
11 for all City employees. Commissioners are invited to attend also. The City of Renton received a
12 Diversity Award. The City has established the first Sister City relationship which will be presented on
13 Tuesday the 16th and Tuesday the 22nd. With the resignation of Commissioner Paltiel, the Mayor
14 would like to meet with the Commission leadership. After the Mayor has met with Rabbi Paltiel, his
15 letter of resignation will be released.

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17 **90. Comments for the good of the order**

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19 **100. Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.