

NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES • February 12, 2013 • CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 4

1 10. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Sutton.

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3 20. **Roll Call:**

4 Commission Chair Shirley Sutton (excused) Commissioner Pining Reyes (excused)

5 Commission Vice Chair Glenda Powell-Freeman Commissioner Marilyn Calbert

6 Commissioner Rosamaría Graziani Council Liaison Mark Smith

7 Commissioner Gloria Sepulveda Staff Member Julie Moore

8 Commissioner Angel Shimelish

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10 Commissioners welcomed new Council Liaison Christopher Boyer.

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12 30. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Calbert motioned to approve the meeting minutes
13 from January 8, 2013, Vice Chair Powell-Freeman seconded the motion. Minutes
14 unanimously approved.

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16 40. **Public Comments:** None

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18 50. **New Business:**

19 50.1 **Stand Against Racism Event:** Staff Member Julie Moore reported to Commissioners
20 that the YWCA hosts an annual nation-wide event called Stand Against Racism and this
21 year's event is set for Friday, April 26. The YWCA is interested in partnering with the
22 Diversity Commission to host an event in Lynnwood. Commissioners discussed several
23 ideas for this event including hosting at a local school so that teens can participate, and
24 hosting it on the Civic Campus right next to the Library. Julie will follow up with the
25 YWCA and connect with the school district to see if they are interested in partner on this
26 event.

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28 60. **Old Business:**

29 60.1 **Mission Statement Creation:** Commissioners continued discussion on the mission
30 statement. A draft statement was created: "The mission of the Diversity Commission is to
31 foster an environment of mutual respect and understanding for all people in Lynnwood by
32 connecting, sponsoring, and supporting community building."

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34 60.2 **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Recap:** Staff Member Julie Moore thanked all
35 the Commissioners for their participation in the MLK Celebration. To date, this was the
36 highest attended MLK Celebration. Kudos were given to Shirley Sutton for leading the
37 planning committee and providing an opportunity for such a high caliber event in our
38 community.

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40 60.3 **Commission Annual Report:** Commissioners were asked if there were any final
41 comments or suggestions on the 2012 Annual Report. This report will be submitted to City
42 Council on Tuesday, February 19.

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44 60.4 **Spring Forum Planning:** Commissioners continued discussion of possible forum
45 topics. Staff Member Julie Moore reported that she connected with the Chief of Police and
46 his administration has suggested that cultural issues in relation to Domestic Violence are a
47 current issue for the Police Department. Another suggestion was to host 'critical
48 conversations' which would include soliciting information from our community to learn
49 what obstacles they face in regards to participating in community events, providing

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- 1 feedback to local government, volunteering, etc. Discussion will continue at the March
2 Commission meeting.
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- 4 70. **Staff Update:** Staff Member Julie Moore reported that she will be presenting to the
5 Director's the plan of action to create and execute the Translation Initiative. She reported
6 that the Diversity Commission's involvement will be critical as well as other community
7 partners in helping to assess the needs of our community.
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- 9 80. **Council Liaison Update:** Council Liaison Christopher Boyer introduced himself to the
10 Commission and explained to Commissioners why he asked to be the Liaison to the
11 Diversity Commission. He is very excited to work with us this year.
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- 13 90. **Comments for the Good of the Order:** None
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- 15 100. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.