

NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES • March 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 Commissioner Pining Reyes
5 Commission Vice Chair Glenda Powell-Freeman Commissioner Marilyn Calbert
6 Commissioner Rosamaría Graziani Council Liaison Christopher Boyer
7 Commissioner Gloria Sepulveda (excused) Staff Member Julie Moore
8 Commissioner Angel Shimelish (excused)
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- 10 30. **Approval of Minutes:** Vice Chair Powell-Freeman motioned to approve the meeting
11 minutes from February 12, 2013, Commissioner Graziani seconded the motion. Minutes
12 unanimously approved with a change to line 6 changing the Council Liaison name to
13 Christopher Boyer.
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- 15 40. **Public Comments:** In attendance were Art Ceniza, the Assistant City Administrator and
16 Lisa Nicholson of Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County.
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- 18 50. **New Business:**
19 **50.1 Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County:** Lisa Nicholson, the Legal
20 Advocacy Director for Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County gave an
21 overview of the services that DVS provides to the community. Lisa discussed the
22 difference between the services that the Police Department offers to victims of Domestic
23 Violence and what DVS can provide. DVS of Snohomish County is interested in co-
24 hosting an educational forum with the Diversity Commission. The Commissioners
25 discussed focusing the forum on the non-criminal aspects of Domestic Violence. The forum
26 is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 18th. Staff liaison Julie Moore will coordinate
27 further with Lisa Nicholson and DVS to work out logistics of arranging speakers and
28 finding a location.
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- 30 60. **Old Business:**
31 **60.1 Mission Statement Finalized:** Commissioner Calbert motioned to approve the
32 mission statement, “The mission of the Diversity Commission is to foster an environment
33 of mutual respect and understanding for all people in Lynnwood by connecting,
34 sponsoring, and supporting community building.” Commissioner Reyes seconded the
35 motion. The proposed mission statement was unanimously approved. Staff Liaison Moore
36 shared a draft postcard with Commissioners that contains the mission statement, events and
37 activities of the Commission and an excerpt of the ordinance. Commissioners provided
38 feedback on the postcard.
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- 40 **60.2 Stand Against Racism Event:** Staff Liaison Moore gave Commissioners an update
41 on the Stand Against Racism event which was discussed at the February meeting. The
42 event will take place on Friday, April 26 at 3:30pm on the Lynnwood Civic Campus. There
43 will be a series of speakers, two musical performances and the YWCA’s anti-racism pledge
44 will be read aloud. Commissioners are urged to attend and represent the Commission at this
45 event.
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- 47 70. **Commissioners Reports:**
48 **Vice Chair Powell-Freeman:** Currently volunteering with her Church in Everett doing a

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1 nursing home ministry, working with her church to host a tea to benefit Domestic Violence
2 awareness, and working with the Everett Food Bank.

3 **Commissioner Calbert:** Just emceed the 2nd Annual Women of Color Health and Beauty
4 Fair which was held at Edmonds Community College. There were approximately 100
5 attendees and there is a follow up group that wants to meet and conduct some critical
6 conversations.

7 **Commissioner Graziani:** Has just solidified the micro-loan program for laptop purchases,
8 all classes at LETI are full, they are offering a wide variety of classes and programs, and
9 they are offering some college grants.

10 **Commissioner Reyes:** Just returned from Manila, Philippines where she spoke to a 2,000+
11 member congregation, visited cancer patients and visited friends and family.

12 **Chair Sutton:** Recently attended the Center for Ethical Leadership and learned how to
13 better frame compelling questions, Chair Sutton will be giving a talk at Trinity Lutheran
14 Church on Monday, March 18th at 7pm titled 'Accepting Our Neighbors', and will be
15 attending the Muslims for Peace event on Thursday, March 14th.

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17 80. **Staff Update:** Staff Liaison Moore updated the Commissioners on two upcoming health
18 programs: 6 Weeks to a Better You with Joe Piscatella and the American Heart
19 Association's Better U. Commissioner Graziani requested that translated materials be
20 emailed to her. Staff Liaison Moore also asked that Commissioners save the date on April
21 23 for the City's Annual Volunteer Recognition Event, invitations will be mailed shortly.

22 **Art Ceniza:** Assistant City Administrator Art Ceniza was in attendance and commented
23 that he and the Mayor wanted to say 'Thank you' for all the time and effort the
24 Commissioners put into the Diversity Commission. Art stated that he was happy to see the
25 Commission get stronger and he commented that he felt we had the perfect team in place.

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27 90. **Council Liaison Update:** Council Liaison Boyer reported on several upcoming Council
28 Agenda Topics. Continuing discussions on the Lynnwood Place development, discussion
29 of a permanent solution for community members experiencing homelessness, disposition of
30 the City's Golf Course and changes to the City's gambling ordinance. If any of these topics
31 are of interest to you, the Council would like to hear your opinions. You can attend an
32 upcoming Council Meeting or Public Hearing, or write Councilmembers with your
33 thoughts.

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35 100. **Comments for the Good of the Order:** None

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37 110. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.