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

20. **Roll Call**:

Commission Chair Shirley Sutton  
Commission Vice Chair Glenda Powell-Freeman  
Commissioner Rosamaria Graziani  
Commissioner Gloria Sepulveda (excused)  
Commissioner Angel Shimelish (excused)  
Commissioner Pining Reyes  
Commissioner Marilyn Calbert  
Council Liaison Christopher Boyer  
Staff Member Julie Moore

30. **Approval of Minutes**: Vice Chair Powell-Freeman motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 12, 2013, Commissioner Graziani seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved with a change to line 6 changing the Council Liaison name to Christopher Boyer.

40. **Public Comments**: In attendance were Art Ceniza, the Assistant City Administrator and Lisa Nicholson of Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County.

50. **New Business**:

50.1 **Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County**: Lisa Nicholson, the Legal Advocacy Director for Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County gave an overview of the services that DVS provides to the community. Lisa discussed the difference between the services that the Police Department offers to victims of Domestic Violence and what DVS can provide. DVS of Snohomish County is interested in co-hosting an educational forum with the Diversity Commission. The Commissioners discussed focusing the forum on the non-criminal aspects of Domestic Violence. The forum is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 18th. Staff liaison Julie Moore will coordinate further with Lisa Nicholson and DVS to work out logistics of arranging speakers and finding a location.

60. **Old Business**:

60.1 **Mission Statement Finalized**: Commissioner Calbert motioned to approve the mission statement, “The mission of the Diversity Commission is to foster an environment of mutual respect and understanding for all people in Lynnwood by connecting, sponsoring, and supporting community building.” Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The proposed mission statement was unanimously approved. Staff Liaison Moore shared a draft postcard with Commissioners that contains the mission statement, events and activities of the Commission and an excerpt of the ordinance. Commissioners provided feedback on the postcard.

60.2 **Stand Against Racism Event**: Staff Liaison Moore gave Commissioners an update on the Stand Against Racism event which was discussed at the February meeting. The event will take place on Friday, April 26 at 3:30pm on the Lynnwood Civic Campus. There will be a series of speakers, two musical performances and the YWCA’s anti-racism pledge will be read aloud. Commissioners are urged to attend and represent the Commission at this event.

70. **Commissioners Reports**:

Vice Chair Powell-Freeman: Currently volunteering with her Church in Everett doing a
nursing home ministry, working with her church to host a tea to benefit Domestic Violence awareness, and working with the Everett Food Bank.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

100. Comments for the Good of the Order: None

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