

NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES • April 14, 2015 • CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1 10. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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

9 Commissioner Angel Shimelish

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11 30. **Approval of Minutes:** There were some corrections necessary for the minutes: Vice Chair
12 needed to be changed to Berel Paltiel and correction on spelling for Art Ceniza.

13 Commissioner Powell-Freeman made a motion that the minutes be approved with the
14 corrections. Minutes were approved.

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16 40. **Public Comments:** None

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18 50. **Council Liaison Update:** Councilmember Cotton briefed the Commission on council
19 activities. The Council had recently done a Stand against Racism Proclamation in support
20 of the YWCA event on April 24th. The Council was reviewing the City's Comprehensive
21 Plan and they would like the Commission's input and advice. The impact of not getting
22 input from small businesses was discussed. Council Liaison Cotton encouraged
23 Commissioners to have anyone who was having hardships to speak out and connect with
24 the council to let them know how they are impacted.

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26 60. **New Business:**

27 60.1 **Stand Against Racism** - Chair Graziani checked with Julie and the City was doing
28 employee awareness training. Commissioner Sutton talked about the YWCA film event
29 "Race – Power of Illusion at the Everett Performing Arts Center at 11:30 a.m. on April 24.
30 The Commission discussed having a local event and agreed to meet on Saturday to plan
31 the event.

32 60.2 **National Day of Remembrance** – Vice Chair Paltiel has arranged for a speaker. The
33 date is May 18th 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

34 60.3 **Parks and Recreation CPR and First Aid Event** - Chair Graziani talked with Andrea
35 and she was open to have classes for translation.

36 60.4 **Dance Company from Mexico** - Chair Graziani discussed a group who will be
37 performing at the Seattle International Festival. After some discussion, the Commission
38 voted to feature the dance company in Lynnwood.

39 60.5 **Community Meetings** - Chair Graziani asked the Commissioners what type of
40 community meetings they would like to see. There was interest in two educational
41 community forums with possibly one on public safety and another on domestic violence.
42 The commission talked about having the public safety forum first with what are best
43 practices and tools. The time frame discussed was to have it during the summer. There
44 was some discussion about quarterly Town Hall meetings. Executive Office Liaison Ceniza
45 suggested the Commission look at doing a strategic plan for ten years out linking to the
46 Community Vision. The Council had formally adopted the Community Vision. He

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- 1 suggested getting an outside facilitator to guide the discussion. The facilitator could do a
2 report. The Commission would adopt and decide on a series of steps on how to get to the
3 vision. The Mayor wants the Commission to focus on having conversations between the
4 community and the City in order to generate feedback. The Commission asked if Executive
5 Office Liaison Ceniza could arrange to have a facilitator come to the May meeting.
- 6 **60.6 Other NDDC business since March meeting** - Chair Graziani briefed the Commission
7 on the activities she had represented the Commission which included the interview panel
8 process for Finance Director and a meeting between Youth and Public Safety. The
9 Commission discussed focusing on at risk youth in the Community. Commissioner
10 Shimelish talked about a program through the school district who could be a partner.
11 Commissioner Sutton is attending an event on the 23rd Reclaiming Youth.
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- 13 **70. Staff Update:**
- 14 **70.1 Staff update:** Commissioner e-mail. Staff Liaison Sloan checked with Information
15 Technology Department and commissioner city e-mail addresses could be generated in
16 the next few weeks. Commissioners will receive a notice through their current e-mail
17 when it is complete. Chair Graziani asked to check with Julie Moore to see if there were
18 any applications for the Commission.
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- 20 **80. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Chair Graziani.