

NEIGHBORHOODS & DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES • April 12, 2016 • CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1 **10. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Glenda Powell-Freeman.
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3 **20. Roll Call:**

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 **30. Public Comments** – (Item was postponed until later in the meeting as interpreter was stuck in
11 traffic.) Senator Marilyn Chase handed out a document related to the World Day for Cultural
12 Diversity for Dialogue and Development and inviting the Commission to attend a local event on May
13 19th at the Senior Center in Edmonds. Jose Brito requested the commission to reconsider and work
14 together for a better city. Elsa Torres spoke about how grateful she was to Rosamaría for supporting
15 herself and other Latinos.
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17 **40. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from March meeting were reviewed. The approval of the
18 minutes was tabled for next meeting.
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20 **50. Council Liaison Update** – Council Liaison was unable to attend due to illness. He sends his apologies.
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22 **60. Old Business**

23 **60.1 Letter from Commission to Mayor** – Executive Office Liaison Ceniza relayed that the Mayor
24 received the letter from the commission and has met with all parties. The Mayor has forwarded the
25 letter to the Council.

26 **60.2 Race Conference** – The Race Conference was on April 9, 2016. There was no representation
27 from the commission. Discussion followed.

28 **70. New Business:**

29 **70.1 Special Joint Boards and Commissions meeting - May 25th 6 9 p.m.** – Executive Office Liaison
30 Ceniza invited the Commissioners to attend a special joint meeting on May 25th. The City will be
31 kicking off the budget for 2017 and 2018.

32 **70.2 Holocaust Event** – Commission Chair Powell-Freeman informed the Commission that Rabbi
33 Berel Paltiel will be partnering with the Commission to host an event. More details to follow.

34 **70.3 Stand Against Racism** – Commission Chair Powell-Freeman will be partnering with the YMCA.
35 More information will follow later.

36 **70.4 Future meetings** – Commissioner Shimelish made a motion to suspend meetings until the
37 matter before the Mayor and Council is resolved. Commission Chair Powell-Freeman seconded.
38 Commissioner Shimelish clarified that the motion was to suspend the meetings not to disband the
39 Commission. Discussion followed. The Commission voted on the motion with 2 ayes and 1 opposed.
40 Motion to suspend meetings was approved.
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42 **80. Staff Updates:**

43 Executive Office Liaison Ceniza encouraged the Commissioners to attend events while monthly
44 meetings were suspended. The Volunteer Dinner is on April 13th at 6 p.m. at the Lynnwood
45 Convention Center. The City of Lynnwood is hosting a Community Open House at the Lynnwood
46 Convention Center May 11th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Joint Boards and Commission meeting on May

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1 25th which is the budget kickoff for 2017-2018. The City is in the process of hiring a Human
2 Resources Director.

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4 **90. Comments for the good of the order** – Commissioner Graziani expressed disappointment about the
5 suspension of the meetings and asked to be notified of things in the City so the commissioners can
6 help. Commissioner Shimelish informed about the Edmonds School District hiring Dr. Kris McDuffy
7 for the Superintendent position. Commissioner Chair Powell-Freeman shared a local group having a
8 Tea Party for teenage girls the day before Mother’s Day and making lap blankets for 15 seniors and
9 baskets for Mother’s Day. Senator Chase suggested seeking a mediator to discuss differences.

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11 **100. Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.