

Agenda

Human Rights Commission

Date: April 20, 2023 Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Study Session: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Business Meeting: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Hybrid Tacoma Municipal Building

747 Market Street Conference Room #243 Tacoma, WA 98402

Zoom (Click the following link to join the meeting):

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Meeting ID: 819 0891 5518

STUDY SESSION 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

I.	Call Meeting	to Order –	Chair Ai	manda W	estbrooke

П.	Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences	☐Chair Westbrooke
	☐Mason Culbertson (Vice-Chair)	☐ Keshreeyaji Oswal
	☐ Robbi Johnston (Vice-Chair)	☐ Janice Langbehn
	☐ Verda Washington	
	☐ C. Ivan Johnson	☐ Laurie Lynch
	☐Melvin JR Nobles	☐ Ronita Boullt

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Amanda Westbooke C. Ivan Johnson Janice Langbehn Keshreeyaji Oswal

III. Approval of Business Meeting Agenda – Chair Westbooke

IV. Statement of Purpose – Vice Chair Culbertson

We convene this meeting to study and investigate problems of prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination and to encourage and coordinate the implementation of programs consistent with the needs and rights of all residents of the City of Tacoma.

V. Land Acknowledgment – Vice Chair Johnston

The Commission acknowledges that the meeting is being conducted on Indigenous lands of the Puyallup People, who cared for their ancestral lands before the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854 removed native peoples to clear way for colonial settlement. It is important to this Commission as settlers here, aspiring to care for all residents in this place and to call it home, that we acknowledge and send gratitude to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians who continue to be leaders for justice in our community today.

VI. Consent Agenda – Chair Westbrooke

a. Approval of March 2023 (Aye/Nay Votes)

VII. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)

VIII. Commission Affairs

- a. Chair Updates
- b. Upcoming Events
 - i. South Sound Sustainability Fair Outreach Table
 - 1. Saturday, April 22nd at UW Library (1900 Commerce St) (8:30 AM 2 PM)
 - ii. CBC Chief Forum Meeting
 - 1. Wednesday, April 26th at 5 PM at Peace Community Center
 - iii. T-Town at the Tacoma Dome Outreach Table
 - 1. Friday, April 28^{th} from 9 am 1:30 pm
 - 2. Saturday, April 29^{th} from $9 \text{ am} 3.\overline{30} \text{ pm}$
- c. Retreat Planning
- d. Committee Updates
 - i. Policy and Advocacy
 - ii. Education and Outreach
 - iii. Racial Justice and Equity
- e. Action Steps from last HRC Meeting

IX. City Staff Updates – OEHR Staff

- a. No Case Closures
- b. Youth Seat Recruitment Update

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- c. Housing Equity Task Force Presentation from Staff "Home in Tacoma"
- X. Announcements
- **XI.** Items to Consider for Next Meeting:
- XII. Adjourn

Why do we recognize the land?

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long-standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation. It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol.

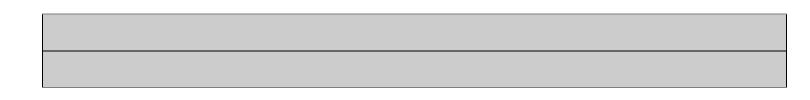
-http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland



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