

Tacoma Human Rights Commission

STUDY SESSION

June 16, 2022

Commissioners Present: Keshreeyaji Oswal, Mason Culbertson, , Robbie Johnston, Janice Langbehn, Verda Washington, Andre' Jimenez, Laurie Lynch, Norman Brickhouse, Michealea Lemons

Commissioners Absent: C. Ivan Johnson, Melvin Nobles, Jr., Courtney Acoff, Ronita Boullt, Artyom Yakimovich, Amanda Westbrook

Call to Order: Opened meeting at 5:36p.m.

Commissioners shared overview of Special Business Meeting.

- City Manager, Elizabeth Pauli, said she could not meet with the Commission at this meeting.
- Chair, Andre' Jimenez, heard from Police Chief Moore's Assistant, which conveyed to Andre' the Chief will not make this meeting—as invited. The Commission was however encouraged to be present at the Study Session of City Counsel to give comments.

Committee Reports:

Racial Justice and Equity.

- This Committee will reach out to Elizabeth Pauli before City Council Study Session.

Outreach & Education.

- Commissioner Lynch will be stepping down as Committee Lead. Commissioner Brick will now lead the group.

Please Note:

- *Commissioner Langbehn will join Outreach and Education Committee.*
- *Commissioner Johnston will be the new HRC Commissioner on the Housing Equity Team.*
- *Commission Retreat was discussed and will be voted on during Business Meeting the following:*
 - *Retreat will approximately be 3-hours long;*
 - *Agenda will include Strategic Planning*
 - *Retreat will be July 21, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm*

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Call to Order: Opened meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Business Meeting Agenda: Approved by Commission.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes (Study Session and Business Meeting): Approved by Commission.

Public Comment—No public comment made. Erica Bartlett attended the Commission to listen and observe.

Staff Report:

- HRC Staff closed the housing case, Taylor vs. Z Properties. The disposition was No Reasonable Cause of Discrimination.
- Human Rights Manager, Andreta Armstrong, will alert Commissioners on date of Study Session regarding Crime Reduction Plain.

Motions Passed/Committee Reports:

- Commission agreed that Racial Justice and Equity Committee will meet with City Manager Pauli and Chief Equity Officer, Lisa Woods to talk about the Crime Reduction Plan before the City Council's July Study Session.
- Housing Equity Taskforce
Working on Anti-displacement Strategies. Need to bring on another representative from Human Rights Commission. Commissioner Robbie Johnston nominated and approved to be the new HRC Commissioner to participate on the Housing Equity Taskforce. No date given to commence Phase 2 of HET.
- Outreach & Education Committee did not meet last month. However, there is a desire for collaboration between the HRC Committees Outreach & Education and Racial Justice & Equity.
- Policy & Health Equity. Did not meet last month.
- Vision Zero. Commissioner Oswal participants in this effort as an independent consultant.
- BLM Mural effort sparked from Racial Equity Committee collaboration with Arts Commission and Tacoma Arts Museum.
- HRC Retreat approved to be July 21, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Agenda Items are to discuss Strategic Planning; and What HRC is and is not.

Adjournment