



Minutes

Human Rights Commission

Study Session

Date: Monday, June 12, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Study Session

Location: Hybrid Tacoma Municipal Building

747 Market Street

Conference Room #243

Tacoma, WA 98402

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81908915518>

Meeting ID: 819 0891 5518

STUDY SESSION

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

- CBC/TPD Discussion Next Steps
- State of Black Tacoma Review
 - Please watch the State of Black Tacoma as produced by the Tacoma Urban League which aired since our last weekend and be prepared to discuss potential future action items
 - [\(253\) 2023 State of Black Tacoma - YouTube](#)
- Juneteenth Event Final Preparation

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Keshreyaji Oswal
Bri Crofton
Lillian Norris

Verda Washington
Laurie Lynch
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Agenda for Thursday, June 15th at Tollefson Plaza

Time	Responsible	Activity
5:05 PM	C. Ivan Johnson	Welcome from Human Rights Commission
5:15 PM	DM Walker	Welcome from City of Tacoma
		Juneteenth Proclamation
5:25 PM	Rontrell Brimmer	Black National Anthem
5:40 PM	Poet Laureate	Spoken Word
5:50 PM	BLM Mural Artist Dionne	Invitation to add Handprint to BLM Mural and Visit Community Fair
6:45 PM	Creative Direction	Dance Presentation
8:00 PM		Event End

There is still availability to sign up to help with tabling at the event from 5 PM – 8 PM if you are available. You can also volunteer to help with adding hand prints to the BLM mural if you are interested. Email Nancy if you are interested at nshattuck@cityoftacoma.org

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Business Meeting

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order – Chair Amanda Westbrooke

a. Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

II. Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences

- Amanda Westbrooke, Chair (she/her)
- Mason Culbertson, Vice Chair (they/them)
- Robbi Johnston, Vice Chair (she/her)
- Keshreeyaji Oswal (he/him)

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- Janice Langbehn (she/her) - Excused
- Verda Washington (she/her)
- Melvin JR Nobles (he/him) - Absent
- Bri Crofton (they/them)
- C. Ivan Johnson (he/him) - Excused
- Ronita Boullt (she/her)
- Lillian Norris (she/her)
- Laurie Lynch (she/her) - Excused

III. Approval of June 2023 Business Meeting Agenda – Chair Westbooke

- a. Commissioner Crofton made a motion to approve the agenda.
- b. Commissioner Culbertson seconded the motion.
- c. The Ayes have it and the Business Agenda is approved.

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 May 2023 Minutes Agenda(Aye/Nay Votes)
 - a. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda.
 - b. Commissioner Crofton seconded the motion.
 - c. The Ayes have it and the Business Agenda is approved.

**VII. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)
No Public Comment Submitted**

VIII. Commission Affairs

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- a. Chair Updates
 - i. Action Steps
 - 1. Send and review State of Black Tacoma to HRC
 - 2. Send and review CBC/TPD Recording from April Meeting
 - 3. Send Tacoma Pierce County Homeless Coalition Website info for review
- b. Retreat Planning
 - i. Proposal to schedule retreat for Saturday, August 19, 2023 10 AM – 2 PM, Location TBD
 - 1. Commissioner Norris made a motion to schedule the retreat date/time as listed
 - 2. Commissioner Culbertson seconded the motion.
 - 3. The Ayes have it and the motion passes.
 - ii. Location, Agenda, and Facilitator to be determined.
 - 1. There is budget available – we need to determine if the budget presented is yearly, or for the 2-year budget. Nancy will confirm.
 - iii. Discussion about August HRC Business meeting scheduled for Monday, August 14th and if it should be changed to August 7th. No decision made.

IX. City Staff Updates – OEHR Staff

- a. General Updates
 - i. No Case Closures to review this month.
 - ii. Pride Month Proclamation tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th – confirmation to come once we hear from Rainbow Center that they are available to receive.
 - 1. In process of determining when and where flag raising will occur.

X. Announcements

XI. Items to Consider for Next Meeting:

- a. Invitation to be extended to Tacoma Urban League and Black Collective to have a round table discussion about community issues and how HRC can support.
- b. Invitation to be extended to TPD for follow-up about April meeting and next steps

XII. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

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