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New Portlanders Policy Commission (NPPC) Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018 Regular Session

Catholic Charities of Oregon

2740 SE Powell Boulevard, Portland, Oregon 97202

Commission Co-Chairs: Rev. Joe Enlet, Maria Garcia, and Sho Dozono

Commission Secretary: Raju Subedi

Commissioners contributing:

Rania Ayoub

Abdikadir Bashir

Dr. Rick Birkel

Jamal Dar

Djimet Dogo

Sho Dozono

Rev. Joe Enlet

Maria Garcia

Yonas Kassie

Ping Khaw

SB Langh

Evelyn Liu

Octaviano Merencias-Cuevas

Musse Olol

Wajdi Said

June Schumann

Natalya Sobolevskaya

Rev. Raju Subedi

Excused:

Baher Butti

Victoria Cross

Kolini Fusitu'a

Sara Jayanthi Raman

Absent:

Lee Po Cha

Anne Downing

Sanja Muranovic

Quorum met

Also present:

Linda Castillo, New Portlanders Program Coordinator

Suk Rhee, ONI Bureau Director

Dianne Riley, CNIC Program Coordinator

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sho Dozono at 4:50pm. Minutes for the March 26 meeting were updated to reflect an excused absence for Abdikhdir Bashir and approved.

Review NPPC bylaws and final discussion of decisions made at March 28 meeting

Commissioners discussed current "bylaws" and expectations for attendance. Commissioners are looking to staff to provide more support in confirming a schedule of dates to which Commissioners can commit, with organized logistics. With this support going forward, all Commissioners are expected to attend all

meetings. Commissioners must avoid no more than 3 excused absences over the course of a year to remain in good standing with State and City requirements for Commissions.

Commissioners shared gratitude to Catholic Charities for providing meeting space. To feel valued by the City, however, Commissioners requested that future meetings be scheduled within City properties, particularly City Hall. One Commissioner mentioned the desire to occasionally conduct business and hold meetings in the community, but affirmed the concept of meeting at City properties.

The NPPC discussed a proposal to meet the fourth Tuesday of every month, with the time split between subcommittee work first and full commission work afterward.

MOTION and SECOND for VOTE on holding future NPPC meeting on fourth Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7:30 PM for six months, starting with the May 22 meeting. The motion passed.

Staff will secure meeting space at City Hall and provide timely communications with the agenda, location and arrangement of all logistics, for May 22 and all meetings going forward.

Commissioners discussed the desire and need to move into business that makes a difference for communities. In continuing the decisions made on March 26, committees are working to merge. The Economic Engagement Committee and Equity in Practice Committee have combined into the Equity, Engagement and Enterprise Committee, co-chaired by Commissioner Fusitu'a and Commissioner Liu. The second committee, made up of the Community Ed & Advocacy Committee and Community Integrity Committee, is expected to convene prior to the next NPPC meeting on May 22.

Due to a change in professional position, Commissioner Enlet was advised by legal counsel to step down from his position as co-chair to avoid any perception of conflict of interest or undue influence. He was advised through the same legal counsel that remaining a Commissioner is not an issue. The election of a new co-chair will take place at the next meeting. Jamal Dar was nominated.

City Council Welcoming/Inclusive/Sanctuary City Recommendations update

Commissioners raised questions about the role of NPPC in advancing the work of the Welcoming/Inclusive/Sanctuary City Task Force. Commissioners sought clarity on how Oregon Ready was chosen to work with City Council. The NPPC requested that Director Rhee express their concerns to Commissioner Eudaly and seek responses. Commissioner Dar proposed that this topic be included in the next NPPC agenda and was seconded. The topic will be included as an item in the May 22 agenda.

Commissioner Dozono raised the idea of the NPPC drafting a letter to express concerns. Commissioners discussed possible next steps given questions and concern about process related to how the recommendations of the Welcoming/Inclusive/Sanctuary City Task Force were being advanced.

Planning for meeting with Housing Bureau

Commissioners discussed the opportunity to meet with Housing Bureau Interim Director Shannon Callahan and Police Bureau Chief Danielle Outlaw. Proposed dates for the meeting with Director Callahan are May 24 at 4 PM and May 30 at 4 PM. Staff will follow up with a "Doodle Poll."

Following the sharing of community announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes approved on May 22, 2018.