Meeting Minutes - Draft

Social Justice & Equity Commission

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Monday, March 27, 2023 **6:00 PM** **Online**

Zoom Meeting Link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86401971689

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Chan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioner Mohamedali noted they had another commitment and had to leave at 7:30 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Co-Chair Genevieve Chan, Commissioner Rachelle Martin, Commissioner Fauziya Mohamedali, Commissioner Wesley Nguyen and Commissioner Larry Watkinson

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Parfait Bassale and Commissioner Marianne Ozmun-Wells

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jessicarae Nunez and Commissioner Omar Santana-Gomez

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A 23-0287 Approval of February 27, 2023 Social Justice and Equity Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program Manager Tobi Hill-Meyer gave the following announcements:

- The Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) retreat will take place on May 27.Commissioner Watkinson will not be in attendance.
- Upcoming proclamations for City Council include Transgender Day of Visibility,

Earth Day, Jewish American Heritage Month and Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

- Commissioner Sarah Lloyd stepped down on March 2 and Commissioner Omar Santana-Gomez is stepping down after tonight's meeting.
- City Council is anticipated to approve three appointments to SJEC on March 28.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A 23-0262 Discussion on Lodging Tax Application and Award Process Improvement

Economic Development Director Mike Reid gave a presentation and Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Discussion was not complete and will continue next month.

The discussion was continued to the April 24 meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Co-Chair Genevieve Chan, Commissioner Rachelle Martin, Commissioner Wesley Nguyen and Commissioner Larry Watkinson

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Parfait Bassale, Commissioner Fauziya Mohamedali and Commissioner Marianne Ozmun-Wells

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jessicarae Nunez and Commissioner Omar Santana-Gomez

6.B 23-0288 Co-Chair Election

Commissioner Mohamedali left at 7:30 p.m. so there was no longer a quorum.

The decision was postponed and referred to the April 24, 2023 meeting.

7. REPORTS

Staff gave reports.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Chan adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.