



Equity and Empowerment Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Present: Chair Alejandra Ibáñez, Vice Chair Karla Thomas, Commissioner Jane Grover, Commissioner Delores Holmes, and Commissioner Kymberly Walton

Absent: Commissioner Kathy Lyons, Commissioner Max Weinberg and Council Member Wynne

Staff Present: Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager, Shenicka Hohenkirk, ICMA Management Fellow

1. Called to order/Declaration of Quorum:

Chair Alejandra Ibanez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and declared a quorum.

2. Approval of the May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jane Grover moved to approve the May 20, 2021 meeting minutes; Commissioner Delores Holmes seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No Public Comment

4. For Discussion

a. Discussion and Feedback on the Commission's Goals Spreadsheet

- Vice Chair Karla Thomas provided the commission with goal setting spreadsheet to discuss affordable housing, language access, community engagement, beach tokens and equity in elections.
- Commission members offered feedback around beach tokens, suggesting a discussion with Parks & Rec director, Lawrence Hemingway, about the purpose of tokens, revenue and alternatives.
- Commissioners discussed working with the community and city staff to develop a public engagement guide/policy for meaningful and inclusive engagement.

b. Discussion on Commission's Engagement Strategies with City Council

- Commissioners engaged the idea of ways to incorporate equity criteria in budget development with City Council.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.