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*Public Commission Meeting Minutes  
KDNA Community Center,  
1100 Sunnyside Ave, Granger, WA  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, 8:45am to 2:40pm*

Commissioners Present: Andrés Mantilla, Nora Coronado, Juan José Maldonado, Leonor de Maldonado, Rene Maldonado, Paula Arno-Martinez, Brian Moreno, David Morales, Alex Ybarra.

Commissioner Excused: Anita Ahumada

Staff: Executive Director, Lisa van der Lugt; Eder Nuñez, Brenda Portaro, Omar Manzo

**8:47AM – Meeting called to order.**

Welcome and Introductions were given as there are new commissioners.

**9:12AM – Recap from August retreat.**

Goal of the meeting is to have a solid agreement between all commissioners on advocacy goals, legislative goals and outreach.

**9:18AM – Update on Police Accountability Task Force by Commissioner Mantilla**

Commissioner Mantilla participated by phone in a meeting with Commissioner Moreno regarding standards on body camera for police officers after many problems with police brutality. Some of the questions that were raised at the meeting:

- For what purpose is the camera usage for?
- What happens with all the recordings?
- Will its use be for public disclosure?

**9:23AM – Update from Commissioner Coronado**

Mentioned call with the Healthy Washington Coalition.

The Healthy Washington Coalition is dedicated on ensuring that Washington State has quality, affordable health coverage for all of its residents.

**9:26AM – Update from Commissioner Rene Maldonado**

Believes that housing, education and water disputes are the big issues in the Latino community. As a new commissioner, he will start to do more outreach to learn more of the community needs.

**9:30AM – Update from Commissioner Leonor de Maldonado**

As a person with solid experience in the school system, she believes that some other issues are:

- Translation language availability – as there are still many documents that are not translated.
- DACA/Immigration – Is something that many in the Latino community fear.

**9:35AM – Update from Commissioner Moreno**

Discussed P-TECH and how this is an example of the type of work CHA could be very effective in.

- P-TECH was created in New York in September 2011. It consists of 4 years of high school and 2 years of college, a program of a total of six years. Students graduate with a high school diploma and an associate degree as well.
  - Wants the P-TECH program to happen here in Washington State as well. He also met with Senator Schoesler to explain direction of the commission and our goals.

#### **9:40AM – Update from Commissioner Martinez**

Has been very busy with DACA, and explains that many clients are afraid of going to clinics, schools, courts, etc.

Big fear in the community and many people are nervous about increased ICE officers' presence.

- Commissioner Morales gave the Immigration Hotline as a way of finding out or verifying immigration raids which will provide community support if the situation happens to be a real emergency. The number is 1-844-724-3737.

#### **9:45AM – Update from Commissioner Morales**

Talked about different organizations:

- Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network.
- Coalition of Immigrant Rights groups around the state. Explained that there are not a lot of people showing up as what Commissioner Martinez was concerned about. Commissioner Rene Maldonado believes it has to do with harvest season. Also looking out at Farmer's rights and how they are being threatened by being told they can't get injured or they can't report to L&I.

#### **9:52AM– Update from Commissioner Juan Jose Maldonado**

Believes housing to be one of the major issues in Mt. Vernon, Skagit County.

- Many people are on the waiting list.
- It is very hard for a person with low-income or who is disabled to get housing.

Talked about Language Access:

- Despite government efforts on the issue of translation, we are still not seeing enough documents in Spanish.
- Gives specific examples of human issues/suffering in his community: an instance of paralysis coming from poor medical practice, and bad translations.

#### **9:57AM – Executive Director's Update**

- Executive Director, Lisa van der Lugt provided the Director's Report overview including an update on the Commission's outreach and engagement strategic plan for the legislative session, financial report, and the administrative guidelines.

#### **11:00AM – Update from Commissioner Ybarra**

- Part of a committee that is involved with a branch of OSPI Migrant Education Advisory Committee. Explained on a deeper level the water rights issue that is happening in Eastern WA. Mentioned that because a capital budget has not been approved, all construction has stopped, and thus why we have the housing issue.

#### **11:11AM – Review and vote on CHA guidelines**

Motion was made at 11:20am by Commissioner Leonor de Maldonado to approve the administrative guidelines, and was seconded by Commissioner Martinez. The administrative guidelines were unanimously approved.

**11:22AM – Review and vote on 2018 meeting dates**

Motion was made at 11:37am by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Calendar and some dates subject to change; this was seconded by Commissioner Leonor de Maldonado. The 2018 Calendar was unanimously approved.

**11:38AM – Commissioner Mantilla led a conversation on L&I issues**

CHA should work toward consistent messaging about L&I issues and an awareness of the complexity of them and, what will be our plan of action?

- Language Access
- H2A workers protection and rights
- Improvements on the system as a whole

**12:53PM– Review and vote on 2018 Legislative Priorities**

Motion was made at 1:50pm by Commissioner Ybarra, to approve the 2018 legislative priorities as edited; which was seconded by Commissioner Coronado. With no further changes, the 2018 legislative priorities were unanimously approved.

**1:57PM – Meeting is adjourned.**