

Kitsap County Council for Human Rights MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 6:30-8 PM Meeting

Zoom: <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/94904071181> Meeting ID: 949 0407 1181 By phone: 253-215-8782

The **Mission of the Kitsap County Council for Human Rights** is twofold:

1. To advise county government and Kitsap County community on issues related to discrimination, violence and harassment based on race or national origin, religion, age, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status, and
2. To promote equitable treatment of all people and reduce prejudice through education, resource referrals, and advocacy.

Attendance: P – present T – present by technology E – absent excused U – absent unexcused

| | Name | Position* | | Name | Position* |
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| P | Annie Forsman Adams | D1 – P1 | | Vacant | D3 – P1 |
| P | Erin Lanum, <i>Secretary</i> | D1 – P2 | | Vacant | D3 – P2 |
| P | Dionne Deschenne, <i>Chair</i> | D1 – P3 | P | Elizabeth Holmes | D3 – P3 |
| P | Judy Friesem | D1 – P4 | P | Marlaina Simmons | D3 – P4 |
| P | Beth Barron | D2 – P1 | P | Barbara Golden | At-large |
| E | Farris Hovater | D2 – P2 | P | Gregg Nebel | At-large |
| | Vacant | D2 – P3 | P | Susie Beil, <i>Vice Chair</i> | At-large |
| P | Christina Barone | D2 – P4 | E | Rebecca Pirtle | County Admin. |

***Note on Positions:** Commissioner for District 1 Rob Gelder; District 2 Charlotte Garrido; District 3 Ed Wolfe.

1) Called to Order @ 6:30pm

2) Approved Agenda – Erin motioned, Marlaina seconded, motioned passed unanimously

3) Land Acknowledgement Statement – read by Judy

4) Group Agreements – Reading waived

5) Centering moment - provided by Erin. She sang two short songs, “Breathing In” and “Million Nightingales”. Marlaina will provide next month

6) Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – April 19, 2022 – Beth motioned, Judy seconded, motion to approve minutes from previous meeting passed unanimously.

7) New Member introductions – No new members at this time.

8) Guest introductions, comments, or announcements – No guests, comments, or announcements at this time.

9) Old Business

- **Planning for 2022 monthly meetings** – Discussed the potential ways to hold meetings in the near future once it is acceptable to have in-person meetings again, such as holding hybrid in-person/Zoom meetings, some in-person, some still Zoom, the use of public health precautionary measures etc. We will investigate sourcing proper tech to make hybrid meetings feasible, so that at-home members can hear the meeting adequately. Discussed a few locations that we may be able to hold in-person meetings (DRC, Silverdale Library, Susie’s church). Dionne will ask County liaison if it is allowable to have Committee meetings in person if desired, or if all County-related business needs to follow County policy and directives.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Conference Committee:** Have had trouble getting the Committee together, due to scheduling conflicts and decided to hold a make-up meeting due to technical difficulties and lack of attendance at last meeting. Effort was made to verify who is committed to this committee and the invitation was extended to anyone else who may want to join or contribute. It was determined that there may be enough time to discuss 2022 Conference theme ideas at the end of this meeting.
 - **Report Committee:** Have discussed a few topics for the report, including homelessness, juvenile legal, and racial disparities in public health services and outcomes. Want to

design a report that is easy to consume, assistive to the call to action, makes recommendations rather than merely provides data.

- **Outreach Committee (see written report):** Judy is working on editing the brochure, shared the international human rights logo (hand/dove image) that could be inserted into brochure, and is also looking to work on the info board used for events, but wants to have others assist with these tasks.

10) New Business

- **Event at Kingston High School:** Action is being taken around incidents of racism and lack of equity at the school. We may be asked to prepare a statement of support. Local reporting is happening on this situation.
- **Juneteenth Event:** The event announcement was sent out to the Council prior to the meeting. Discussed the importance of KCCHR having some kind of presence at the event.
- **Kitsap ERACE Coalition statement on SCOTUS Roe v Wade ruling:** The Council discussed whether to make a statement as well, the nature of the statement, or whether to wait and see what happens/timing. We also discussed our relationship with Kitsap ERACE in general, and Susie explained her history attending their meetings, on behalf of KCCHR, the type of commitment that it is, and is hoping another Councilor can attend as well, or instead, as she is having a harder time attending due to scheduling conflicts.
- **Conference themes discussion:** Intersection between climate, human rights, bodily autonomy, white supremacy, how do we fight for safety in our communities that are under attack, community, homelessness, "This is Home": includes homelessness, community, environmental justice, personal choice/freedom. Discussion to be continued...

11) Next meeting: June 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

12) Adjourned @ 8:03 pm

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Erin Lanum