

15/Now Tacoma Minutes, 08/04/2019

Attendance:

COORDINATORS: Facilitator: *Ryan T, Note Taker, Alan OS.*

ATTENDEES: *Alan, Ryan, Lin, Anthony, Valeria*

Introductions:

Attendees introduced themselves and discussed a bit about their activities. Alan is a 15 Now volunteer and the webmaster.

Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

1. Proposed agenda was adopted without modifications
2. Minutes of last meeting were briefly discussed, and minutes were unanimously adopted

Reports/Discussion

1. COLA

Ryan explained his formula. The COLA will be attached to the HUD rent and housing cost estimate, based on our area. We discussed the length of the phase-in. Alan and Ryan talked about shortening the lengthy phase-in that the present draft proposes.

2. Ryan's conversation with Jonathan Rosenblum

Ryan talked with Jonathan Rosenblum (JR) over the phone. Jonathan is a community and labor activist and has been instrumental in the drive for a \$15/hour minimum wage nationally. Ryan asked him for suggestions.

JR discussed the need to reach out to the black and faith communities. He also suggested trying to involve DSA and other groups. He advised us not to be overly concerned if community leaders seemed a little sticky at first.

3. Other discussion:

Valerie said she may not have to go to California after all. She wants to support us in whatever way she can, whether she is in California or here.

Anthony said he will talk with the Black Pastors. He says he attends their meetings. We need to look into connecting with the local IWW. Anthony and others briefly talked about candidates for City Council. Anthony specifically mentioned David Combs and Keith Blocker who are vying for the District 3 seat. Anders Ibsen is vacating District 1 seat because of term limits, and Nathe Lawyer and John Hines are trying for that seat. Some feel that Nathe is the more progressive candidate. Kristina Walker and John O'Loughlin are contending for the seat being vacated by Ryan Mello. Ibsen and Mello both have endorsed Kristina Walker's campaign. It is unknown how the new City Council will relate to the new \$15/hour initiative when it gets on the ballot.

Next Meeting Plans: The next meeting has been set up. Here are the details.

COORDINATORS

- **Facilitator:** Ryan
- **Note Taker:** Alan

LOGISTICS:

- **Event:** General volunteer activists meeting
- **Time/Date:** Sept 28, 2019 3:30 too 5
- **Place:** Red Elm Cafe
1114 M.L.K., Jr Way
Tacoma

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

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