

37th District Democrats Meeting Minutes: August 12 Membership Meeting

(Roughly 45 People in Attendance; Prepared by John Stafford)

1. Meeting Opening (7:02)

- Stephen Reed calls meeting to order at 7:02 pm
- Flag salute
- Unanimous approval of July's Minutes

2. PCO Appointments (7:03)

- Stephen Reed lists candidates for PCO in several 37th District Democrats Precincts
- There is a membership vote to approve PCOs, and this passes.

3. Elected Positions (7:05)

- Susan Sherbina is nominated and elected to be the King County non-male representative

4. ADU/DADA Update (7:06)

- Rachael Ludwick: Update on changes on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs)
- Matt Hutchins: Discusses specific changes in legislation (e.g. higher square footage limits for ADUs and DADUs, limits on core housing size, etc.)
 - Many questions from members

5. Primary Update (7:20)

- Stephen Reed congratulates our endorsed candidates that prevailed in the primary election
- Marcie Maxwell (candidate for Mayor of Renton) discusses her candidacy

6. September Endorsement Meeting (7:26)

- The September Meeting will feature endorsements for Seattle City Council Position Three and the Seattle School Board (and possibly Renton School Board)

7. Community Policing Panel (7:28)

- Three Guest Speakers: Reverend Harriet Walden (on Community Police Commission); Sheley Secrest (Office of Professional Accountability); Elisa Chavez (Concerned Citizen)
- Each guest speaker explains their background and role(s)
- Moderated with questions by Chase Cross
 - Why are the stipulations of the Consent Decree not being complied with?
 - What does the Community Police Commission do?
 - Is the Seattle Police Department making progress?
 - The concept of police reform versus police abolition.
 - Why are young men turning to violence?
 - What are the prospects for Community Service Officers?
 - If you could make one change in the Criminal Justice System, what would it be?
- Questions from audience
 - Is I-940 really working?
 - Isn't a real problem that the negotiations with the Police Guild often lead to a diminishment of individual rights?
 - Comments on the reporting requirements for shootings.

- Is it true or false that police departments were created after the Civil War during Reconstruction in order to incarcerate Black Americans (via loitering laws) in order to create a pool of free labor (peonage)?
- Speakers arranged by Tamika Moss and Chase Cross

8. Good of the Order (8:24)

- Request from “Orca for All” to consider their Vision Statement and Resolution.
 - Motion tabled, and it will be taken up by the Executive Board.
- Mike Pellicciotti (30th LD Representative)
 - Running for State Treasurer
 - Supports State Infrastructure Bank
- Alex Stone, for Representative Adam Smith’s Campaign
 - Town Hall, at IBEUW #46, Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 am
- Chase Cross
 - The Clockout Lounge on Beacon Hill (4864 Beacon Hill South), Debate Watch Party, 9/12 6:00 pm
- Chakundi Salisbury
 - Candidate for District 7 School Board (Betty Patu is retiring)
 - 9th Grade Readiness and the Racial Gap in Discipline are priorities
- Julia Hortencia Bobadilla-Melby
 - I-1000 (the recently passed measure that restores Affirmative Action) is being challenged by Tim Eyman on the ballot this November
 - Voters Approve I-1000 in November
 - The 37th LD will vote to endorse and approve the measure supporting I-1000 in September
- There was a float representing the Black Community in the Seattle Parade
- Alec Stephens:
 - “Democrats fall in love; Republicans fall in line”
 - We need to support the Democratic Party candidate for president, even if he/she is not our top choice, to ensure Democratic Party victory
- Eric Humhagen
 - School Board District One
 - Focus on Skill Trades (we shouldn’t measure students based on which four-year school they are going to); and Equity
- Tom Schmidt
 - Thanks PCOs for hard work
 - October 26 will be Great Escape fundraiser for 37th Legislative District
- Mark Solomon
 - Candidate for Seattle City Council, District Two
 - Looking forward to General Election
- Marcie Maxwell
 - Renton School Bond on November Ballot – Will the 37th LD consider endorsing this?

9. Adjournment (8:53)