

MINUTES: 37TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS MEMBERSHIP MEETING: JULY 12, 2021

(Via Zoom, John Stafford, Secretary)

A. Meeting Opening (Stephen Reed), 7:00)

- Land Acknowledgment
- Motion to adopt two sets of minutes from May and June for two-phased Endorsement Meeting. The motion passes

B. Remembrance and Acknowledgment of Robert Porterfield (Alec Stephens, 7:03)

- Recalling events and contributions from roughly 50 years of service to the Democratic Party
- Memorial Service Saturday, July 24 at 2:00 pm at the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club (4916 South Angeline; Seattle, WA; 98118)
- Moment of Silence

C. Announcements (Stephen, 7:07)

- Tonight's Scavenger Hunt will be postponed

D. Resolution (Amy Hagopian, 7:08)

- The Resolution calls for the 37th District Democrats to vote for the resolution to oppose amending the City Constitution via a Charter Amendment (the 37th District Democrats' E-Board voted to pass this resolution in opposition to the proposed Charter Amendment)
- Motion and second to adopt the Resolution
- Discussion
- Motion passes 48-2

E. Rules Committee (Michael Wolfe, 7:31)

- The 37th District Democrats have formed a committee to revise the rules/protocols for our Endorsement Meetings
- We will strive for an inclusive and fair process that is easier to understand and navigate
- The new rules will likely not be in place in time for the September Endorsement Meeting
- Questions and comments

F. PCO Activities – Knocking on Doors for Upcoming Primary (7:38)

- The literature (sample ballots) for the primary election will be picked up by Tom tomorrow

- Some will be put at drop off points (addresses will be posted soon), and Tom will be willing to deliver some
- Questions and Comments

G. Good of the Order (7:46)

- Stephen will not be at the August Meeting Meeting; Carrie will be hosting the Membership Meeting
- Garfield Park Renovation Gathering (Robert Stephens): Wednesday, July 14
Community Gathering at the Garfield Playfield
- White Center arsonist burned LGBTQ facility and six other businesses. Support the businesses by visiting Go Fund Me pages and other efforts (Tom Schmidt)
- Thanks to Alec Stephens for his comments on Robert Porterfield (Michael Wolfe)
- Renton Renovation at a school in Renton on Fridays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm: the school provides resources (talk to Mary Williams for details)
- Update on Congressman Smith’s activities (Arshia Nilchian)
- Chukundi Salisbury has lost 80 pounds and no longer needs diabetes medicine. He is the adult athletics manager at Brighton Elementary
- Why hasn’t Biden lifted the embargo on Cuba (Joanne Cullen)?
- Laura Van Tosh (Precinct 1896) wants someone to help her door-knock
- “We Are Seattle,” is hosting interviews on peoples’ views of their top three priorities in Seattle. The website is rseattle.org. (Gayle Johnson)

H. Adjournment (Stephen Reed, 8:00)