

37th LD Democrats Membership Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2021

1.

Call to Order 7:03PM

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Land Acknowledgement by Jake Thoennes

3.

Adopt September 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved & approved

4.

PCO Appointment

Daniel Miller, Precinct 3617

Appointed without objection

5.

Recognition and moment of silence for Kiku Hayashi,
longtime PCO and devoted volunteer

6.

Appointment of 3rd Vice Chair

Justin Baird

Appointed without objection

Solicitation of volunteers to fill open positions of 2nd Vice Chair and Secretary

Contact info@37dems.org if interested

7.

Democratic Party Update Reports

Report on the WA State Democratic Party by Tamika Moss

- Redistricting in progress; litigation is expected
- No schedule yet for in-person meeting resumption
- Virtual meeting option will likely continue

Report on the King County Democratic Party by Andrew Ashiofu

- GOTV efforts are the main focus currently
- An annual fundraiser is planned for 1/15/22
- The Century Club has been launched as a fundraising effort
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/club100>
- Election observers are needed

Report on the King County Democratic Party by Carrie Barnes

- Candidate support events are happening now, focusing on swing districts
<https://www.kcdems.org/2021-canvass-volunteer-sign-up/>

8.

Online Election Endorsement Advertising

- Last cycle results were mixed, according to demographic of each publication
- Stephen Reed proposes \$2500 to be spent this cycle on digital ads this cycle
- Motion to spend \$2500 on digital ads this cycle
- Motion approved, 35-2

Questions and Comments:

- Discussion of the terms “No Endorsement” vs. “No Consensus Achieved”
- Clarification to be added to endorsement literature in future

9.

Endorsement Postcards

- 2000 printed, with more to be printed as the supply depletes
- Several pick-up locations will be available as of Wednesday
- PDF will also be available for distribution, emailed and online

10.

Guest Speaker Ken Workman of the Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center

- The 37th LD, including Renton, is on the ancestral lands of the Duwamish
- Often, twisted streets in the area are actually ancestral tribal trails
- The Duwamish Longhouse is the last one remaining in Seattle
- The Duwamish tribe is still here
- Lack of federal recognition has implications for education, Covid resources, etc.
- 37th LD Dems is requested to help the Duwamish attain federal recognition

11.

Proposed Resolution: Duwamish Tribe’s Petition for Federal Recognition (Executive Board Recommends Do Pass)

Overview by Jake Thoennes:

- The tribe has made a 20-year effort to renew its federal recognition
- At least 50 local partners have endorsed the recognition effort
- The resolution explains the context of the recognition effort history
- The resolution includes:
 - an endorser sign-on
 - a letter of support
 - a request of our membership to mobilize and share information
 - a commitment to reach out to the Duwamish tribe in partnership

Stephen Reed reads letter from the Muckleshoot, which argues against resolution
Stephen Reed reads letter from the Suquamish, which argues against resolution

Motion to table the motion to approve the resolution to recognize Duwamish tribe
Motion fails by a vote of 13 in favor to 22 against

Motion to approve the resolution to recognize Duwamish tribe
Motion adopted by a vote of 28 for to 6 against, with 2 abstentions

12.

Proposed Resolution: In Support of a Select Committee for Climate
in the Seattle City Council
(Executive Board Recommends Do Pass)

Comments from Arvia Morris of the 43th Environmental Caucus

- What happens at the city level is important
- The select committee would be a committee of the whole (the entire city council)
- Motion passed without objection (by acclaim).

13.

Good of the Order

- Stephen Reed announces impending resignation as our chair
- Amy Hagopian on Kshama Sawant recall effort
- Arvia Morris on About the Seattle Mayoral Climate Pledge 2021
- Julia Bobadilla-Melby on Washington Equity Now: <https://waequitynow.com/>
- Mary Williams on Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
- Tamika Moss on proposed Congressional District maps:
<https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/proposed-congressional-maps>
Washington State Redistricting Commission Meetings:
<https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/commission-meetings>
- Mary Williams on Woman Against Sexual Exploitation

14.

Adjourn, 8:59pm