

**MINUTES OF LACEY COMMISSION ON EQUITY,
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
In Person**

at New Life Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 7838 Pacific Ave. SE, Lacey, WA 98503.

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Cliff Brown, Vice Chair Annie Clay, Thelma Jackson, Kim Sauer, Makieda Hart, Kristine Stolberg, Jon Hegwood, Alanis Blackburn

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COUNCIL PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Walk, Interim City Manager; Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager; Robert Hollis, Deputy Police Chief; Donna Feliciano, Communications Specialist

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

1. Black and African American Community Forum

The Black and African American Community Forum (Forum) was facilitated by the Commission on Equity (COE) led by Chair Cliff Brown. At the Forum, the COE provided a brief history of the COE, reviewed the COE's role as an advisory board of the Lacey City Council, and provided an overview of the COE's work in 2022 and 2023. The COE heard from Forum participants on ways to create a more welcoming environment, about racism and inequities in the community, how to increase participation from underrepresented community members, and barriers to participation, as well as other questions, concerns, ideas, feedback, etc. related to equity and inclusion. Discussion ensued.

A full overview of the Forum can be accessed in the [March 27, 2023 Commission on Equity Meeting Agenda Packet](#) under the staff report, "Black and African American Community Forum."

2. ADJOURN

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Written Public Comments - The deadline to submit written public comments was 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Written comments are not addressed during the meeting; however, they are added to the official record. Two (2) written public comments were received.