

**Date:** July 23, 2019

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Centennial North and South

**Attending:** Marvin Eckfeldt, Mizan Rahman, Yusuf Bashir, Sara Franklin-Phillips, Rand Al Hammadi, Vaivao Semisi-Tupou, Lelei Masina, Tanya Medina, Oleg Pynda

**Absent:** Ta Kwe Say, Norma Maldonado, Davies Chirwa, Ted Schwarz, Taffy Johnson.

**Agenda:**

**1. Call to Order**

Mizan Rahman 6:35 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Ta Kwe Say, Norma Maldonado, Davies Chirwa, Ted Schwarz, Taffy Johnson. were absent.

**3. Changes to the agenda**

None

**4. Increasing Involvement with all communities**

Melanie Taylor from Puget Sound Fire led the conversation about fire safety and awareness for hard to reach communities. She explained that Chief Morris is currently developing a 5 year strategic plan and they want to focus on historically hard to reach communities. They have identified what populations in our community are most vulnerable and that would be children and the elderly. Carbon monoxide poisoning is also another big concern in our community, especially with newly arrived refugees and immigrant communities.

Puget Sound Fire also understands that language is a barrier for many in our community. They want to create a citizens academy for all communities to become knowledgeable about fire hazards and safety. Some suggestions from the board included;

- Having written materials in other languages
- Bringing this type of information to local schools

- Co-leading trainings with community leaders, especially if language is a barrier
- Working with Community Based Organizations
- Working with local Churches

The board mentioned that they want to put together a resource list composed of local community based organizations and groups.

## **5. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Uriel Varela Jr.  
Community Engagement Coordinator