

36th District Democrats
Seattle, Washington
Minutes: February 19, 2025

All virtual meeting via Zoom

C. 6:30, Zoom opens for credentialing

Quorum is confirmed at 7

7:00 Call to order

Land acknowledgement, including two items of related interest

First, On January 30 United States District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead ordered the Department of the Interior to reopen the Duwamish Tribe's petition for recognition as a sovereign entity.

Second, The City of Seattle is moving forward with the Lawton Housing Project, including working closely with the United Indians of All Tribes, and possibly with the Chief Seattle Club which has applied to be the builder of some of the housing.

Adoption of January 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes, approved ([location](#) As of March 3, 2025)

Adoption of Agenda, Done

7:05 Welcome to candidates and electeds, Laura Marie Rivera introduces:

Port Commission President Toshiko Hasegawa

Port Commissioner Ryan Calkins

7:15 Briefing on the status of the Seattle Comprehensive Plan update

Short Presentations by:

Michael Hubner, One Seattle Plan Project Manager [2 slides]

Sandy Shettler, Tree Action Seattle

South Park example of what happens with applied standards

Jazmine Smith, FutureWise

Supports Complete Communities—Changes we'd like to see

Want to incorporate trees and green spaces

Perspective: Equity and Anti-displacement

Sarajane Siegfriedt, Seattle Fair Growth

Focus on displacement issues (three types: physical, economic, cultural)

Cites Seattle Emerald article about need for [Anti-Displacement Measures](#).

Challenges City policies as trickle down that does not produce low income housing.

Lois Martin, Activist

Major concern is lack of anti-displacement actions
Current policies are a form of colonization
Current residents are pushed out to make room for others
Tenant relocation as 'mitigation' for displacement means displacement
The City not proposing new programs to keep people in place

More notes from chat in appendix

7:50 Local impact and leadership in this time of federal action, focus on immigrant rights and justice
King County Council Member from District 4, Jorge Barón, presented on the state of immigration related Executive Orders, local responses, and what we can do as individuals as well as a local Democratic Party.

How it relates to traditional colonization:

Power dynamics: Like traditional colonization, modern urban colonization involves a power imbalance between dominant economic forces and marginalized communities.

Cultural displacement: Similar to the erasure of indigenous cultures in colonial contexts, gentrification can lead to the displacement of local cultural practices and identities.

Exploitation of labor: Low-wage workers in urban areas can be exploited by corporations, mirroring the exploitation of colonial labor forces.

8:00 Breakout rooms - Where can we make a difference?

See notes in appendix

8:20 Proposed by-law revisions

Proposed areas for by-law revisions were shared with the body in advance of the January 2025 re-organization meeting. An open meeting was convened with interested 36th members on January 26th, and all input received has been synthesized in the below version where changes are identified through use of the strikethrough function, different colored font, and explanations in comments on the side.

[CLEAN Copy of Proposed amendments of Bylaws for review - FEBRUARY 2025](#)

8:40 Resolutions:

[Biden's pardon & clemency actions](#) No action taken, prior item ran us out of time.

[Calling for Gov. Ferguson to Combat Illegal Impoundment by Supporting a Wealth Tax](#) *note, this does not currently have a 36th sponsor so will be postponed to a next meeting

PCO appointments

Nadia Goforth 1806

Charlie Blgger 1752

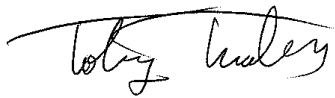
Voted in by Acclamation

Report back on 36th workstreams

Available here: [Monthly Financial Report](#)

c. 9:15 Adjourn

I certify that the above minutes are an accurate reflection of the decisions and actions by the 36th District Democrats organization on February 19, 2025.



Toby Thaler

☰ Pre-Meeting Media Recommendations February 2025

☰ Breakout Room Summary

Appendix: Chat Information on Comp Plan discussion

Response by a guest:

Replying to "Explain "coloninization".":

Historically, colonization is when a people or country takes over land and governing power over a place where people have lived for many years, usually by force but often in less violent ways. What we experience here is less obvious, but there is a mentality of people who have economic and other forms of power enforcing their views and structures on others, particularly historically marginalized peoples, without the consent of communities. That is definitely happening here, IMO.

Response by Lois Martin:

Replying to "Explain "coloninization".":

Key aspects of modern urban colonization:

Gentrification: When wealthier residents move into previously lower-income neighborhoods, driving up housing costs and displacing existing residents, often resulting in a change in the cultural fabric of the area.

Economic exploitation: Large corporations or developers leveraging their power to extract profits from urban areas, often neglecting the needs of local communities.

Urban planning practices: Policies that favor development in certain areas, leading to uneven distribution of resources and infrastructure, often disadvantaging marginalized communities.

Dispossession of land: Large-scale land acquisitions by developers or corporations, displacing residents from their homes and communities.

Social segregation: The creation of segregated neighborhoods based on socioeconomic status, with limited mobility and access to opportunities for marginalized groups.

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Examples of modern urban colonization:

Tech gentrification: The influx of tech companies into urban areas, leading to rapid price increases in housing and displacement of low-income residents.

Slum clearance projects: Urban renewal projects that demolish low-income housing without adequate relocation options for residents.

Urban development projects: Large-scale infrastructure projects that disproportionately benefit wealthy populations while displacing marginalized communities.

Attendees (Just a snap shot, not necessarily complete)

(T) (P)Toby Thaler (Co-host, me)			(S) (G) Sara Longley		
36 (M) Amanda [Vice Chair] (s... (Host)					
(O) (M)Barbara Oakrock (Co-host)			(T) (G) Tom & Pat Johnson		
(A) (P) Alexander Bejaran (Co-host)			(E) (G)Anne Engstrom		
 (P) Sheri Feld (Co-host)			(D) (G)Ivy Durslag		
36 (P) Tyler Crone, Chair, 3... (Co-host)			(D) (G)Janet Dixon		
(S) (P)Shep Salusky (Co-host)			(B) (G)Jorge Baron (he/him)		
(T) (G) Toshiko Hasegawa			(S) (G)Sarajane Siegfriedt		
(E) (M) Elizabeth Stanton			(A) (M) Alex Wenman		
(J) (G) Julie Cwinar			(A) (M) Anita Stull		
(L) (G) Laurie Cogan			(C) (M) Christina Harstad		
 (G) Leona Domingo (She/Her)			(D) (M) Demian Godon		
(I) (G) lisa mccrummen (She/Her)			(D) (M) Don Schlosser		
 (G) LM			(J) (M) Janet Epstein		
(M) (G) Matthew Peterson			(N) (M) Nadia Goforth		
(M) (G) Michael Hubner			(T) (M) Tim Hipp		
(R) (G) Reed Hampton			(T) (M) Ty Crowl		
(R) (G) Ruby Holland			(A) (P) Alice Woldt		
(R) (G) Ryan Calkins			(B) (P) Barbara Kempf		

	(P) Barbara Kempf	 
	(P) Dana Nickleach	 
	(P) David Schuldt	 
	(P) Elisha Bell (She/Her)	 
	(P) Erika Odegard	 
	(P) jack whisner	 
	(P) Jayson Morris	 
	(P) Jazmine Smith	 
	(P) Jeremy Swirsley (he/him)	 
	(P) Joanna Braden	 
	(P) Linda Kelly	 
	(P) Richard Frith	 
	(P)Greg Gates	 
	(P)Judi Gibbs	 
	Peggy Willis	 
	Sandy Shettler	 