



City of Seattle

Ed Murray, Mayor

**Seattle Women's Commission**

### **MINUTES**

Seattle Women's Commission  
Boards and Commissions Conference Room L280  
600 Fourth Avenue, City Hall  
***Monday, May 16, 2016, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.***

**Commissioners Present:** Michele Frix, Nicki Olivier Hellenkamp, Morgan Beach, Alison Mondì, Lylianna Allala, Teresa Springer, Loida Erhard, Keisha Jackson

**Commissioners Absent/Excused/Leave:** Jaron Goddard, Mergitu Argo, Tracey Whitten

**Start time: 5:40 pm**

#### **Announcements**

- Morgan: Upcoming event: Transgender Rights: A Feminist Issue, Thursday, May 19, 5:30-7:00 pm, Belltown Community Center
- Lili and Nicki will form planning committee for a summer SWC social event

#### **Approval of minutes**

- Minutes approved with amendment.

#### **SOCR and recruitment Update**

Y. Castorena

- Hoping to have new commissioners confirmed in a June Council meeting
- All gender restroom ordinance – Twitter, email, online form are reporting mechanisms. Over 6000 postcards have been sent out informing businesses of the ordinance.
- Training on safe spaces is planned for all city staff, starting with 300-400 people who will be trained in the next few months.
- 23 rental housing discrimination charges filed as part of latest round of annual testing. (Focus on familial status, Section 8 vouchers, and disability.)

#### **Co-chair nominations**

All Commissioners

- Teresa, Morgan, and Nicki were nominated. Vote will be at June meeting.

#### **Harassment of female city councilmembers**

M. Beach and N. Hellenkamp

- Commission voted to approve letter to Council drafted by Morgan.
- Committee formed to discuss potential event: Michele, Keisha, Morgan, Teresa

### **Flag raising and Pride Festival**

L. Allala

- Nicki and Loida will represent SWC at flag raising
- Need a point person for Pride!

### **Seattle IT: Digital Equity**

Vicky Yuki

- Seattle IT focuses on serving people who are most vulnerable and most likely to have barriers to technology.
- Currently in Phase 2 of Digital Equity Initiative Action Plan, with focus on devices and technical support, connectivity, and skills training

### **5 Commissions Report back**

T. Springer and N. Hellenkamp

- Onboarding as an issue across commissions. Teresa and Loida will take this on in anticipation of our new commissioners starting this summer, and will report back during the June meeting

### **Work Plan Check-in**

- Commission will continue to monitor work plan progress, especially as new commissioners join and subcommittees have enough members to take on planned projects.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.**

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: Monday, June 20, 2016, 5:30 PM, Boards and Commissions Conference Room L280**

### **FIVE COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

**5:30 PM, 810 Third Avenue, Suite 750, Seattle, WA.**

- **August 10**
- **November 9**