



Seattle Women's Commission

MINUTES

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Monday, February 24, 2020, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.
Seattle City Hall 3rd Floor, Room 370
Commission Call-In-Number, 206-386-1200
Access Code: 283594
Listen Line: 206-684-4718

Commissioners Present/Phone:

Adrianna Lasso-Harrier, (on phone) Tana Yasu, (on phone), Zoe True, (on phone), Keisha Jackson, Abriel Johnny (on phone), Rhonda Carter, Idabelle Fosse, Grace Weil, Whitney Nakamura, Rebecca Bryant, Harmony Eichsteadt, Sophia Lee, Marcia Wright-Soika, (on phone) Diya Khanna, Jennifer Gordon, and Min Pease

Commissioners Absent/Leave/Excused/on the phone: Darya Farivar, Rokea Jones, Jamilah Williams

SOCR Staff: Marta Idowu

Guests Sign-In: Sophia Lee, Rebecca Andrews, Kase Cragg, Ximena Fonseca-Morales, Amini Khanna and Kara Palmer

Welcome

meeting is called to order and Commissioners and guests introduce themselves.

Public comment

No public comment

Announcements

No announcements

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve Minutes for January unanimously approved.

Guest Speaker

Rebecca Andrews, DRW Intern gives updates on the following:

- HB 5395 is more inclusive of all people and addresses the safety of women with disabilities. SB 2184 (Rep. Santos) died
- Need support for HB 5395 to pass.
- Would like the Women's Commission to write a letter to the house of representatives in support of HB 5395.
- Stakeholders are optimistic about HB 5395.
- Q&A

Update on Meet and Greet

- One Seattle City Councilmember attended the event (Strauss).
- A lot of staff attended on behalf of the City Councilmembers.
- Breakout sessions to have deeper conversations and ways to collaborate.
- Had a good turnout.
- Disappointed by the lack of turnout from City Councilmembers.
- Good turnout from the other SOCR and Immigrant and Refugee Commissions
- The event was a good step in the right direction.
- Rhonda will draft a thank you letter for attending the meet and greet and Jennifer and Harmony will assist.

Eviction Report Update: Marcia gives her update.

- Xochitl was invaluable in giving her information regarding the eviction report and noted that a lot of good things came out of doing the report.

HB 2187

- Jennifer Gordon talks about HB 2187, funding for women veterans from purchases of license plates. Ask from the Commission to support funding to women veteran organizations. It is a good thing to do. Min will present this issue at the next Commission meeting for a vote.

Bylaws Update

- Min notes that it is Darya's intent to update their bylaws. Grace and Whitney volunteer to work on it with Darya.

Work Plan Vote

- In lieu of reports, Commissioners give a 5-minute presentation regarding their workplan and budget for their events. Each committee presents their work plan items and scope of work.
- Commissioners unanimously approve their 2020 Work Plan.

Subcommittee Reports:

Community Health and Wellness – Zoe reports on:

- They want to focus their work plan on the native community. Focus on Murdered and Missing Indigenous People and learn from them.
- Host an event around a training event.
- Educational
- Heal families.
- Support families
- Abriel will share more about their plans.
- Two ideas – Budget for 2 events – no amount specified yet.

Economic and Educational Opportunities – Diya work plan items on

- Women/small businesses – research reports.
- Access to affordable childcare.
- Look for organizations that can partner with us.
- Center women of color
- Wage/exempt workers
- Op ed on International Women's Day
- Retention of women in STEM programs
- Accessible place

Equitable Development – Marcia work plan items on

- Narrow focus
- Support policies – rise in sweeps/shelter options.
- Fair fare equity
- Findings and results of the evictions report – connect with local advocates. Follow Olympia in their work on sweeps.

Violence Prevention and Justice – Tana reports

- Connect with Ms. Andrews
- Missing and murdered Indigenous women and children
- Access safety for our children and educate them on their bodies and what is not appropriate. Want to reach out to young people talk to them about being caretakers of their own bodies and to protect themselves.

Budget Discussion

Commissioners share their potential budgets and find that they will not have the funding to do multiple events and will discuss limiting the number of events when they meet in their subcommittees.

The 2020 budget usage to date is \$100 contribution to the meet and greet and \$45 for the breakfast for their retreat in January. Total balance remaining is \$1,855.

Min reminds Commissioners to update the roster and work plans in google docs.

SOCR Report –Marta

- Commissioners are invited to attend the MLK, Jr., Unity Day event at Town Hall on Friday, February 28, 2020, doors open at 5:30p.
- Discusses quarterly trainings, (RSJI, OPMA, PDR, Budget, Ethics). SOCR wants to have quarterly trainings.
- Appointments – we are still waiting for the Mayor to make decisions on appointments. Hope to have more information at the next meeting.

Announcements

- Diya notes an event on February 27, 2020 – Want Business Owners there.
- Abriel announces an event on March 5, 2020, 9:00a-12:00p at Daybreak Star – Missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Adjourned