

**MINUTES**

Seattle Women's Commission  
Boards and Commissions Conference Room L280  
600 Fourth Avenue, City Hall  
**Monday, July 16, 2018, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** Zoe True, Idabelle Fosse, Priya Saxena, Tana Yasu, Ruchika Tulshyan, Rhonda Carter, Vivian Lee, Min Pease, Angela Rai, Darya Farivar

**Commissioners Calling In:** Jamilah Williams, Rhonda Carter

**Commissioners Absent/Excused/Leave:** Nicole Negrón, Lakeisha Jackson

**Visitors:** Mahogany Montgomery, Barbara Clabots

**Start time:** 5:45 PM

**Announcements:** Priya - Michele Frix would like somebody from Commission to take on the role of ESECC liaison;

**Public Comment:** Alex Tsimmerman, Shaun Bickley

**Approval of minutes:** 100% approval with amendments

**Barbara Clabots**

**T. Cookson**

- **Tara** - Barbara is organizing an event around climate change and Indigenous women, who are disenfranchised in Seattle
- **Barbara** -
  - o Here today on behalf of Washington Women and Environment - expert on gender & environment
  - o Washington Women for Climate Action born out of small Mom's advocacy group
  - o Have traveled around WA State doing advocacy and climate reality training
  - o Working with Indigenous women who are on the frontlines of climate work
  - o Partnering with them on a photo project
  - o Event is in September
  - o Would love support - sponsorship
  - o No formal partners or sponsors yet; but they are supported by Climate Solutions
- **Questions**

- o How are Indigenous women disproportionately impacted by climate change?
  - Missing gender and race analysis in climate
  - Dozens of tribes have been relegated to the worst lands and polluted environments.
  - Native women are really leading the environmental movement.
  - Won a lawsuit against a smelter that was polluting the Columbia River - is now declared a Superfund site.
- o What do you want to achieve with this event?
  - I want to flip the narrative that men are going to solve climate change through technological innovation. Women are driving this movement.
- o Have you engaged the disability community?
  - No, but open to suggestions.
- o What is being done to ensure that women of color (indigenous women) are not exploited in this process?
  - Working hard to ensure that every woman involved reviews and approves of all material.
  - Women of color, in particular black women have been at the forefront of fighting against pollution in their neighborhoods, etc...
- **Discussion of Support**
  - o Slim budget makes it difficult to provide financial assistance;
  - o Support will have to be in-kind: comms,
  - o Motion to co-sponsor with contingency that Co-Chairs review and approve one-pager
    - Motion approved 1 Abstention 12 in favor

## **South King County Discipline Coalition ( Mahogany Montgomery)**

**T. Yasu**

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- **Tana** - Invited Mahogany to talk about SKC Discipline Coalition
  - **Mahogany** - Ending School to Prison Pipeline
    - o Worked with various groups to advance state policies related to reducing discipline and ending STP Pipeline
    - o Help educate families about conditions youth are incarcerated in
    - o Enacting a leadership cohort of community members starting next couple months and into next year - how to develop youth's own sense of leadership
    - o Celebratory events - "Surviving the School Year" - chance for parents to publicly recognize their children's strengths; also opportunity for folks to network and share ideas + support
    - o Would love the SWC to come visit and see how the org operates
    - o The SWC could be helpful in raising awareness about the issues the org works on, and driving discourse
    - o Currently sponsored by One America and Team Child
  - **Questions**
    - o Rhonda - Does South King County include Seattle?
      - Yes, we try to include all families.
    - o Erica - Kids with ADHD or Autism - in particular Black boys and boys of color are under-diagnosed, due to different treatment by healthcare community. Could be interesting to prioritize the healthcare component of the school-to-prison pipeline.
    - o Zoe - You should write an op-ed because your voice really matters.
  - **Discussion**

- o Commissioners provided number of suggestions and

## **Immigration Op-Eds / Policy Discussion**

**All**

- *Ruchika* - 3 of 4 published
- *Angela* - Mayor went to Texas to advocate for captive children
- *Jamilah* will get third one on SM
- *Loren* - difficult to create immigrant status protected class because of risks
- *Priya* - alienage protection creates a private right of action for individual to sue on basis of alienage (legal nomenclature for immigration status)
- *Xochitl* - would it be possible to shift the tenant screening process from using SSNs; stop employers from using E-Verify
- *Priya* - How would we revise our call to create a new protected class to ensure it does not inadvertently create more harm for immigrants?
- *Zoe* - responses to the articles have been positive and encourage SWC to engage with the immigration and refugee community
- *Rhonda* - Is there a forum for discussing/voting on prescriptive elements in letters, publications? Should we just keep it high-level?
- *Erica* - Difficult with quick turnaround to do deep-level written work.
- *Zoe* - We should keep track of organizations we connect/partner with.
- *Min* - How do we respond more rapidly? Create steps for different actions?
- SWC will check in with South Seattle Emerald about next piece
- *Loren* will check in with immigration attorneys

## **Sub-Committee Report-Outs**

**P. Saxena/All**

- *Community Health and Wellness*
  - o Working on event best practices after learning from Riveter event
- *Education and Economic Opportunities*
  - o N/A
- *Equitable Development*
  - o Coding data for Housing Justice study
  - o Used Stanford methodology to determine approximate racial identification
  - o Eviction records: 30% AA while 7% Seattle is AA
  - o Coded reasons for evictions, including behavioral, no cause, nonpayment of rent, etc...
  - o Want to hold special session first week in August to vote on process of release for the report.
    - Motion to hold special session passed.
- *Violence Prevention and Justice*
  - o N/A

- Anti-Harassment IDT will be wrapping up work soon, and will produce recommendations to present to Mayor and City Council
  - DW BOR
  - New Commissioner recruitment
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7:30 PM

**Adjourn**