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Seattle Women's Commission
Boards and Commissions Conference Room L280
600 Fourth Avenue, City Hall
Monday, April 22, 2018, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Zoe True, Idabelle Fosse, Priya Saxena, Darya Farivar, Tana Yasu, Lakeisha Jackson, Jamilah Williams, Ruchika Tulshyan, Rokea Jones, Michele Frix

Commissioners Calling In: Morgan Beach, Teresa Springer, Min Pease, Erica Soelling

Commissioners Absent/Excused/Leave: Nicole Negrón, Xochitl Maykovich, Rhonda Carter, Vivian Lee, Tara Patricia Cookson

Visitors: Manuel Venegas, Diya (Freelance Journalist)

Start time: 5:45 PM

Announcements: Morgan attended Equal Pay event with Moms Rising - great event. Xochitl and Morgan presented work plan to CRUEDA committee this month. This Friday CM Herbold will convene meeting of Civil Rights super committee on homelessness. June - new co-chair election - folks need to consider if they'd like to run. Priya starting at OSE as food systems program and data evaluation lead. May 5th, African Arts Society Event.

Public Comment:

Approval of minutes: 100% approval with amendments

Denim Day & Story Slam Events

I. Fosse, P. Saxena, L. Jackson

- *Denim Day Event - Bertha Knight Landes (April 25th at 8am)*
 - o Partnering MO on DVSA, King County Sexual Assault Resources, Coalition to End Gender-Based Violence
 - o Panel of speakers: Providers on Sexual Assault
 - o Deputy Director for HSD will welcome
 - o 8:40 Mayor will speak
 - o 8:50 Lisa Herbold will give proclamation
 - o 9:00 Panel will start: API Chaya, KC Resource Center, REWA, Consejo, etc... one hour to speak with
 - o Jamilah prepared flyers for event
- *Seattle Women's Empowerment Story Slam (May 10th 6:30-8:30 Seattle University)*

- o MODVSA, Seattle University, SOCR are sponsors
- o There will be dinner and drinks
- o \$10 ticket prices (some subsidized tix may be provided)
- o SOCR committing \$500
- o Jaqueline Garcia, (ADD NAMES FROM EMAIL)
- o Multidisciplinary storytelling format

Silence Breakers Support

P. Saxena

- At last meeting had visit from two Seattle Silence Breakers, who shared their vision and asked for SWC support.
- Violence Prevention and Justice Subcommittee decided to bring decision to support SB demands to a full-commission vote
- SB wants transparency about funds allotted to harassment claims and settlements
 - o Discussion around support for this demand
 - o If it is just the dollar amount, it should already be public?
 - o What within the records are considered confidential? Would pulling the numbers require a PDR?
 - o How do NDAs impact the total numbers? How would fulfilling this demand impact privacy?
 - o Could SWC say, moving forward the City needs to record financial settlements & outcomes, and make the information public?
 - o This could set a precedent for making businesses more transparent about the cost of harassment in the workplace.
- Motion to vote on supporting SB demands
 - o 1st - Yes 12 Abstention 1
 - o 2nd - No 11 Abstention 2
- Priya, Ruchika, Zoe will write letter of support

Sub-Committee Report-Outs

I. Fosse/All

- *Community Health and Wellness*
 - o Continuing to move forward with plan to hold event on June 14th at the Riveter, focused on women experiencing homelessness
 - Would like to include a council member
 - Followed by small volunteer fair
 - Need to pin down details and identify partners
 - Michele: Seattle Foundation is hosting a Seattle Times project on homelessness; they may be a good resource
- *Education and Economic Opportunities*
 - o Rhonda would like to invite Erin Acuno to talk about Families and Ed Levy
 - o Childcare Resources just ran an event on affordable childcare in Seattle; Rokea would like to invite the organizer to a future SWC meeting

- *Equitable Development*
 - o Still doing data entry for the housing justice study
 - o Eviction Lab gives raw data for every county in the country
 - o UW has existing data sharing agreement for data access on homelessness/housing
- *Violence Prevention and Justice*
 - o See discussion of events above
 - o Gun Safety
 - Darya and Priya meeting with staff in CM Gonzalez's Office to discuss gun safety legislation, and ask about goals and intentions.
 - o Police Chief Search
 - Survey going around to gather input
 - Michele asked if the survey had been translated to other languages; got a vague response
 - CPC is seeking new commissioners

5-Commission Homelessness Taskforce

- Will be writing about encampment removals
- Working on evictions, Ft. Lawton developments, rent bidding, SPD involvement in sweeps
- Research on hostile architecture Want to look at women veterans' needs after April

SOCR Update & Discussion of CB 119202

L. Othón

SOCR is taking comment on SOL legislation

Rokea: This process seems very rushed

Zoe: Will this actually open doors for sexual harassment survivors? Will broadening the definition really strengthen the law?

Erica: Language barriers, lack of documentation impact people's ability to report

Darya: Housing harassment/discrimination - one concern is how this could affect mental health population - could this create more harm (criminalization) for them.

Erica: That is also a group that is frequently harassed, so it could potentially be helpful.

7:30 PM

Adjourn