



City of Seattle

Jenny Durkan, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

Minutes

Seattle Women's Commission

Monday, January 28, 2019, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Seattle City Hall 3rd Floor, Room 370

Commission Call-In-Number, 206-386-1200

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Commissioners Present: Darya Farivar, Min Pease, Jamilah Williams, Rhonda Carter, Zoe True, Tana Yasu, Diana Im, Ruchika Tulshyan, Angela Rae and Diya Khanna

Commissioners Absent/Excused/Leave: Erica Soelling, Lakeisha Jackson, Min Pease, Rokea Jones, Vivian Lee, Xochitl Maykovich, Idabelle Fosse and Priya Saxena

Welcome by Ruchika

- Welcomes everyone and starts the meeting
- Ruchita introduces Diya Khanna and Diya says a few words about herself

Public Comment

- No public Comment

Announcements

- Tana announces that she is going to be a grandmother

Approval of Minutes

- Commissioners approve December Minutes. 8 yays and one abstention (Rhonda Carter came in after the vote was taken)

Guest Speaker: Jacquelynn Loos, Outreach Coordinator, Real Escape from the Sex Trade (REST)

Tana introduces Jacquelynn Loos and shares her story and work she is doing at REST and passes out some informational material about their program. Erik Gray also from REST announces that they are putting forth legislation to have Human Trafficking as a protected class.
REST website Iwantrest.com

Guest Speaker Byram Simpson, YouthCare

Angela Rae introduces Byram Simpson and he gives an overview of YouthCare
Speaks on

- Ending Human Trafficking
- Help youth do what they want to do
- YouthCare hotline – referrals for youth
- Safe Place hotline referrals for youth under age 18
- They have trained professionals to assist youth
- YouthCare has about 30 resources/services
- 18-24 access drop-in shelters
- 211 is the number to call access help and their website youthcare.org
- YouthCare started in the 1970's (42 years in business)

Q&A

Guest Speaker Megan Bruneau, Seattle Police Department, Office of Victims of Crime/Labor laws

Talks on the following topic:

- Shares the work that she is doing at the Seattle Police Departments "Office of Victims of Crime/Labor Laws" and what work and measures they are taking to combat crime to these vulnerable populations

Q&A

Zoe True, Commissioner presents proposal to support for a research project around domestic violence and gun violence with the UW and Judy Lin, KC Bar Association and shares the following about the program

- Collaborate with UW Eastside Campus – they agree to help with research
- 10-week program where everyone can propose a project idea
- Application is due in February and Zoe agrees to lead the project and hopes the Commission is onboard to using the Seattle Women's Commission name on this project

- This topic has been of interest to the Commission for a long time and with this project, could finally collect domestic violence/gun violence data on these issues

Q&A

Zoe makes a motion that the Commission approve her to write the application about domestic violence and gun violence with the KC Bar Association, seconded by Diana and unanimously approved.

Finalize 2019 Work Plan

Zoe makes an amendment to change her section
Vote to finalize the 2019 workplan after updates and corrections are made.

Subcommittee Reports

(Ruchita- DV report add here)

Community Health and Wellness -Darya

- Discusses the many activities around National Slavery and Human Trafficking month
- Denim Day – 20 years old and held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Shares the story around Denim Day where a lady was sexually assaulted, and the judge didn't believe her saying her jeans were so tight that she had to have taken them off herself. The next day women all wore tight jeans.
- Asks for Commissioners that would like to help plan an event around Denim Day to contact her
- Tana and Erik Gray went on a radio station and talked about human trafficking and slavery. The live stream link will be sent out to everyone.
- Attended the second round of the new eviction process. Voted up and went on the Seattle Chanel to endorse and approve. Property owners were soliciting renters to having sex, so they are not evicted.

Economic and Educational Opportunities

- No report

Equitable Development

- Equitable Development

- Crueda moved the resolution out to full council on Monday State Bill 5600
- Moving from 3-day to a 21-day notice
- 150 people came today to support this eviction senate bill
- Moving from 3-day to a 21- day
- Min Pease will send out a link to Commissioners
- Commissioners want to be able to support the work of Washington CAN
- Transit-riders union survey out in the next couple of months and will check in with the Women's Commission. Jamilah will help with outreach and getting survey responses.

SOCR Report

Marta Shares the following:

- Presentation of 2019 Work Plan to Councilmember Lisa Herbold's Committee on March 26, 2019, 9:30a.m., and Commissioners indicated that they will be ready to present
- Sea Park garage will be giving out key cards for entry into the garage and to submit your parking permits applications
- Complete the form in your packet if you need business cards, or badges
- Complete your online onboarding if you haven't done already
- Keeping track of Attendance
- We will be in this room again next month

Adjourned