

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 21, 2013, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Room 370

Commissioners Present: Mark Adreon, Robert Canamar, Joshua Caple, Steve Ferreira, Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Carl Peterson, Jonathan Porter, Ryan Troyer, Deborah Witmer

Commissioners Absent: Mike Barta, Patricia Copeland, Grace Oludiji

Commissioners by Phone: Hope Drummond

Guests: Miles Berry, Michael Troyer, Tim Shockley

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Michael Chin

Call to Order: 4:30 by Jonathan Porter

Approval of Minutes: January 2013 minutes approved as read

SOCR Report: Michael Chin

- SOCR will propose an ordinance change to add reasonable accommodation to the employment discrimination statute. SOCR will seek commission input on the ordinance change.
- City auditor is auditing SOCR and the Human Rights Commission role in the appeal process. The audit report is expected in July.

Committee Reports:

- Executive: Laura Gramer served on a panel discussing accessibility at the Phinney Neighborhood Association. The event was well attended. The Library will Braille documents for Commission meetings – submit one week in advance.
- Public Safety: Laura met with Captain Mike Edwards, who suggested going to the community room at your local police station to meet local law enforcement. Perhaps Capt. Edwards will attend a Public Safety Committee meeting or Commission meeting.
- Outreach:
 - Deborah will make a presentation to the Amputee Support Group
 - Jonathan and Grace will table at Financial Fitness Day
 - Vickie, Robert, and Carl will table at the Alliance Annual Meeting
 - Joshua will research parks for the annual picnic. Will consider transit, parking, closeness to community, accessible facilities.

- The Commission has been asked to help the LGBT Commission distribute an anti-bullying card to youth who have disabilities and are also part of the LGBT community. Tim Shockley, Library Equal Access Program, is creating Braille versions of the cards. FYI, Steve is creating an anti-bullying video. Felicia will follow up with Steve on any request for Commission involvement or support regarding that project.
- The Committee is considering creation of a Facebook page
MOTION: To create Facebook Page. **ACTION: PASSED**
 Laura, Carl, and Joshua will create and administer

- Issues:

The Issues Committee would like to develop a City ordinance that will provide restroom access for individuals who have conditions that require urgent use of restrooms, similar to the state law RCW 70.54.400.

MOTION: to develop such an ordinance and present to City Council
ACTION: PASSED

The Committee is seeking to have the City to establish baseline data and develop an action plan to add disability to the City's affirmative action plan. Will guide City on where and how to count, for example, a tear away on applications. The County collects this data, so can serve as a model to the City; will review County ordinance and data collection. Provail Work Opportunities might have good information. The Committee is looking for targeted community partners.

- Nominating: Three candidates recommended for appointment are present at this meeting: Robert Canamar, Ryan Troyer, and Carl Peterson

Old Business

Vickie Foster and Robert Canamar are interested in applying to serve on the Housing Levy Oversight Board.

New Business:

SB 5180, HB 1814, and South Lake Union affordable housing tabled until next month.

The local chapter of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) is planning a vigil on March 1st to commemorate the Day of Mourning for people who have been killed because of their disability. Seeking Commission endorsement.

MOTION: to endorse the ASAN event. **ACTION: PASSED**

Disability Community Survey

Commissioners expressed interest in working on the survey project, expected to last 24 months: Mike Barta, Mark Adreon, Deborah Witmer, Carl Peterson, Robert Canamar