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Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities Monthly Meeting

Thursday, **May 16, 2013**, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Room 370

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	Mark Adreon, Mike Barta, Robert Canamar, Patricia Copeland, Hope Drummond, Steve Ferreira, Jonathan Porter, Ryan Troyer, Deborah Witmer
<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Carl Peterson, Grace Oludiji
<u>Guests</u>	Sabra Schneider, Jeff Beckstrom, Veniamin Alayev Christopher Rhodes, Jill Glover, Tracy Connolly
<u>SOCR Staff Present:</u>	Latrice yBarra
<u>Call to Order:</u>	Deborah Witmer called to order at 4:40 because the conference room was occupied
<u>Approval of Minutes:</u>	April minutes were approved as read
<u>Fellowship Project</u>	Veniamin Alayev

Veniamin thanked Felicia and Mark for working with him during his stay here. He is very impressed with City of Seattle and its work with people with disabilities. Veniamin and Mark provided an overview of Veniamin's project proposal.

<u>Website Accessibility</u>	Sabra Schneider and Jeff Beckstrom Department of Information Technology (DoIT)
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Sabra provided a quick overview of the work she does for DoIT. Jeff discussed Section 508 compliance and seattle.gov website management. Jeff and Sabra welcomed feedback on the design and accessibility of the City's website from several of the commissioners as well as mobile website feedback. Deborah stressed the need for captions on videos the City distributes or posts to its website. Jeff and Sabra expressed willingness to come back to another meeting and would like to receive additional feedback as they continue to develop the website.

<u>SOCR Report:</u>	Latrice yBarra
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SOCR is collaborating with the Pacific Science Center on the exhibit titled: "Race: Are we so Different?"

Survey Brainstorming: Tabled

Committee Reports:

- Executive: Jonathan
Set-up an ad hoc committee on affordable housing for South Lake Union and Mike is putting together a one-pager on the project. Need to put together an Ad-hoc committee for the City's ADA Coordinator Position to provide feedback.
- Issues: Mark
Discussion on the waterfront project still time to provide input only 5% of the decisions have been made. There continue to be challenges with pedestrian crossing major intersections. Restrooms – pull state language to put into city language target Q3. Housing report: Mark & Felicia work on target for Q3. Transportation: Robert Canamar attended the Metro hearing on service cuts and provided public comment on behalf of the Transportation Subcommittee.
- Public Safety: Deborah
Tracy Connolly with the Emergency Operations Center reported on Faith Based Forums, and leveraging resources in the community for emergencies. Laura Gramer attended two of the four forums. Deborah attended the Five Commission meeting with Interim SPD Chief Jim Pugel. Jonathan attended a conference in Tacoma and was impressed with ADA CAT Toolkit. Next committee meeting Wednesday 5/22 all are welcome. Captain Edwards will not be at the next committee meeting. Tracy Connolly's contact information – she welcomes feedback:

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Adjourned at 6:05

Upcoming:

Next Meeting: June 20th 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., 2100 Building
Transportation Forum: June 27th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., 2100 Building