



City of Seattle

Ed Murray, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

MINUTES

Seattle Women's Commission
Boards and Commissions Conference Room L280
600 Fourth Avenue, City Hall
Monday, February 24, 2014, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:, Wendy Gillihan, Bridgette Maryman, Michele Frix, Roslyn Kagy, Morgan Beach, Liz Kellogg, Susana Tat, Nicki Olivier, Jennifer Cobb, Jaron Goddard, Maha Jahshan, Betsy McConnell Gutierrez, Phyllis Lewis, Clarissa Lord Brundage, Lylia Allala, Alison Mondy and Mergitu Argo

Commissioners: Absent/Excused/Leave Elsa Batres-Boni, Tracey Whitten and Mercedes Elizalde

Guests: Alex Zimmerman, Giulia Pasciuto, Kathy Yasi, Dr. Lin-Chi Hsu, Esther Handy

Welcome: Bridgette calls the meeting to order

Public comment: Alex Zimmerman

Announcements:

Bridgette announces that she will be conducting a meeting to discuss a focus group after this meeting. Anyone interested feel free to attend.

Guest Speakers:

Giulia does a presentation on the Food Access for Women in Seattle: Delridge Priorities, Giulia also presented before the City Council today along with Michele. FEEST interns also did a short presentation about their work and the potential that Delridge may be turning into a food desert. Four student interns presented at the meeting.

Legislative Assistant Esther Handy briefly spoke from CM Mike O'Brien's Office on their focus on food access. Hope to work with the Commission see that the recommendations get carried out.

Q&A from the Commissions to the interns from FEEST and Giulia regarding public transportation and issues with the bus driver and often times the bus is crowded and you can't get out and you miss your bus stop. Farmers market is expensive in West Seattle.

Wendy asks Nicki to talk to the FEEST youth about the Get Engaged program and that it may be something they wish to pursue.

FEEST asks questions of the Seattle Women's Commission.

Patty Lally, Acting Director, Seattle Office for Civil Rights introduces herself and will give her report later in the meeting.

Kathy Yasi presents and talks about organizing to raise standards for Teachers, Parents and Children in Early Learning and Childcare. Kathy is the owner of Adventure Day Care, Seattle, and Kids First Seattle Organizing Committee member

SOCR Report

Patty Lally, Acting Director, Seattle Office for Civil Rights introduces Lauren Othon, who had an accident and could not be here tonight. Discusses about Marta's change in work and duties. She also discusses weekly reports with Commissioners and that he is requiring weekly reports. Steve Lee from the Mayor's Office will come to a meeting to introduce himself.

Dr. Lin-Chi Hsu, PhD candidate at the University of Washington, Department of Economics. Presents her PowerPoint presentation to the Commission

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Dr. Lin-Chi Hus, PhD candidate at the University of Washington, Department of Economics, talks about how welfare payment timing and its impact on domestic violence.

Minutes approval

Motion by Morgan to approve minutes and seconded by Jaron. Minutes approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: March 20, 2014

FIVE COMMISSION MEETINGS: 5:30 PM, 810 Third Avenue, Suite 750, Seattle, WA.

May 14, 2014

August 13, 2014

November 12, 2014