

Notes from 4/18/22 SWC - Online

Present: Abriel Johnny; Diya Khanna; Jema Turk; Kyla Evans; Marcia Wright-Soika; Min Pease; Ophelia Parker; Rachel Morowitz; Rebecca Bryant; Sarah Liu; Tana Yasu; Whitney Nakamura

Absent: Jamilah Williams; Jennifer Gordon; Morgan Cain; Vinati Midala

Staff: Derrick Wheeler-Smith; Marta Idowu; Kyana Wheeler; Meredith Stone

Guests: Natasha Bennett – SHRC, Judy

Facilitator: T. Yasu

Note Taker: J. Turk

Timekeeper: M. Wright-Soika

I. Welcome, Introductions

- Icebreaker: What communities are you connected to?
- March minutes—NOT approved—tabled for next month

II. Derrick Wheeler-Smith Q&A and Discussion

1. What do you see your role being in connecting the Commissions to the Mayor's Office and City Council members offices?
2. What is the best way for the SWC / us as Commissioners to work with you to get out the word for our events?
3. From your perspective, are there opportunities - issues, partnerships, etc. - that could be beneficial for the SWC to be looking
 - Kyla asked how he sees the role of the SWC
 - Sarah asked a q re a list of vetted orgs. (Directed to 'UniteUs', and a list from / on Seattle Foundation website.)

III. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women presentation by Abriel – introduced us to the movement, what are the symbols, why it is important, what is perpetuating the problem, timeline of federal policy, how can we help.

- Diya / Tana has proposed an OpEd to Seattle Times – will send out a survey re topics and interest to participate

IV. Engagement discussion: check in with commissioners (Rebecca & Tana); 50th Anniversary mention

- Next meeting in person in May (hybrid) – Marta confirmed Bertha Landes room

V. Events: Denim Day Proclamation Event (Tana) – get on list if you plan to join; Sexual Assault blog post (Kyla) – will send out draft, asked for feedback

VI. SOCR updates – Sarah membership, 5 Chairs meeting 5/11/22

VII. Back to Abriel – report out – Outreach Committee- meeting this or next week; Land Acknowledgement work – questions posed to group- send feedback Abriel