



City of Seattle

Edward Murray, Mayor

Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

Minutes

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities
Thursday, November 16, 2017, 4:00-6:00p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room L-280
Commissioner Call-in Number 1 + 844-386-1200
Conference ID: 283594
PIN 50001 (Host will do this part)

Commissioners Present:

Sarah Rothman-Parsons, Jessica Williams-Hall,
Steve Lewis, Cindi Laws, Jayson Morris, Diana
Chaikin, Shaun Bickley, Kevin Eggers, Eric Scheir,
Aaron Burnell, Dianne Laurine, Conrad Reynoldson
Jennifer Craemer and Nicole Palczewski

Commissioners Absent: Dorian Taylor, Meg
Bartosovsky, ChrisTianna ObeySumner

Commissioners calling in:

Commission Candidates:

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Cindi Laws and Steve
Lewis

Introductions

Commissioners and guests introduce themselves

Public Comment:

Minutes:

Minutes for June, July, August, September, and October tabled

SOCR Report – No report

Guest Speaker: Holly Delcambre

Discusses updates on the corrective action plan and concerns with city buildings not accessible

Q&A

Update: Attendant/Caregiver Admission Legislation

Conrad present an update on this as well as Cindi and Diana weighing in. Notes that CM Sally Bagshaw is supporting this legislation.

Diana shares the concerns of Tap Root Theater

Robert Nellums, Director, Seattle Center was very supportive of the caregiver admissions legislation and offered to talk to others. John Creighton from the Sports Commission plans to meet to discuss this issue and they will follow up with someone on the Sports Commission.

Update: Previously approval of resolutions regarding safe injection sites, youth incarceration recommendations

Commissioners liked Shaun's letter on youth incarceration.

They are following up on the status of safe injection sites with City Council.

Sweeps with continue regarding homeless encampments

Home's tax voted down. The Commission will revisit this next year.

Resolution in support of legislation banning the death penalty in Washington State.

Steve presents a draft letter, motion to approve by Jayson and seconded by Cindi, unanimously passes.

Question about supporting Human Rights Day and it was noted that it was already voted and approved at a previous meeting.

Presentation/discussion: People who are homeless and use wheelchairs: accessing a suitable living situation.

Steve met with homeless people to get their opinions and how life works in shelters. They reported that it feels like they are in prison. They wake up at 5:30a and have 15min to get out and line up to get breakfast. A woman in a wheelchair the difficulty she has and that she doesn't get any assistance. Many are turned away when they get full. Many are not safe when outsourced to churches in the dark on hills. There is no new funding for sufficient housing for the homeless.

Guest: Former Commissioner Hope Drummond and the Alliance of People with Disabilities and Mary's Place. Did not show up to present.

Election update: how new officials impact progress on policies affecting people with disabilities.

Cindi gives the report on the elections. There is a new mayor, Jenny Durkan, Pete Holmes was re-elected. Port of Seattle, all candidates won. Commissioners vote unanimously send a letter to the mayor elect.

There is a request to have CART at all meetings

Commission Reports:

Public Safety: did not meet but they are working on their work plan and Shaun discusses some of their work.

Housing: ChrisTiana was not in attendance

Transportation:

Steve reports on his committees work around vertical access group with SDOT's Pedestrian access group. They meet quarterly.

Employment: Shaun discusses the subminimum wage: pursuing it at the state level. Noted that NW is phasing out subminimum wage in 2019. He plans to present testimony on this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00p