

January 21st , 2020

Seattle Disability Commission

Also known as;

Commission for People with DisAbilities

Meeting Notes

1/21/21 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Zoom Conference Call

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Commission Members Present:

- Via Zoom: Anquida Adams, Kristina Sawyckyj, Hannah Wilson, Jessica Williams-Hall, Khazm Kogita,
- Unexcused Absence: ChrisTiana ObeySummer, Kaitlin Skilton

- Excused Absence: Jayson Morris, Paula Orrego

Guests: Dominique Stephens (Mayor's Office Liaison to the commission), Jessica Murphy (office of Waterfront), Cale McPherson (office of Waterfront), Mike Johnson (office of Waterfront), Angie Brady (office of Waterfront)

OCR: Molly Brewer (OCR Liaison to Commission), Caedmon Cahill, Helen Gebreamlak (OCR Policy Staff)

Facilitators: Maralise Hood-Quan, Antasia Williams

Meeting Called to Order at 4:27pm

Meeting Norms

- Reviewed.

Announcements & Public Comment

Technical Check-in

Approval of the Minutes

- November 2020: Lacked quorum, could not vote

Co-Chair Nominee Statements and Vote

Anquida Adams, Kristina Sawyckyj, Kaitlin Skilton, Hannah Wilson.

Lacked quorum – no statements were made and a vote did not take place.

Guest Presentation: Waterfront Seattle

Jessica Murphy (office of Waterfront), Cale McPherson (office of Waterfront), Mike Johnson (Technical Manager, office of Waterfront), Angie Brady (Deputy Director, office of Waterfront)

Projects - Overlook Walk and Pier 58

OVERLOOK WALK

Construction will start in 2022 and is scheduled to be completed in 2024.

The overlook walk pedestrian bridge will provide a connection between Pike Place Market and the Waterfront.

New Accessible Connections - Three new elevators will be added to the area. The only place an elevator is located currently is on University street. This program adds an elevator at Union and there will be a new elevator at Pike as well as a new elevator between Pike and Pine.

General Features - Vegetation, benches/seating, protective coverings, stairs with handrails on both sides, and wide walk ways are features throughout the project.

Walk ways – walk ways have hardened surfaces and are wide, smooth, and flat.

There is a four-inch lip on the surface of the lawn for both physical detection as well as visual detection.

Planners are looking at a synthetic turf to provide year-round access and have the rigidity to stand up to all the weather ask provide a good surface for traction.

Commissioner – Requested to stay in connect with planners and to be included in more steps of the process so that meaningful feedback and input can be provided.

Commissioner suggested the Office of the Waterfront appoint individuals on the Commission to a task workgroup so that meaningful exchanges can occur, because currently they don't.

Office of the Waterfront Staff: You make a brilliant point. We have the same issues with other groups we present to as well.

Waterfront staff offered to come back to the commission and answer additional questions if they had any.

Concerning the Overlook – this might be the last time Office of Waterfront staff present for design feedback. They^[P]_[SEP] are more than happy to come back to the commission to speak about construction progress. Staff will definitely be bringing the pier back at 90% design.^[P]_[SEP] They also have another project in the program that need to be brought forward to the commission called The Pioneer Square Street Project.

Commissioner – My direct suggestion is that we have a contact person / liaison that can represent us within your meetings and also report back to us.

I've noticed in our meetings that people come in and tell us 20 pages worth of information and then ask us, “What do you think?” This is the Disability Commission and some people are still trying to dissect the information so I would like to ensure we have the proper amount of relationship.

Waterfront staff: I'm going to call Micaela Johnson out as our city point of contact and Mike has got a long history with this group and I think he can be the one

kind of point of contact and set up whatever meetings we need to set up, working with Frankie. [P] [SEP]

Waterfront staff (mike): We forgot to tell you at the beginning of our presentation that we have two other members on the design team - Berk Meyer who is also on the disability BRD, the U.S. disability board who is providing us guidance on the program as well as David Miller who works for lighthouse forever the blind. They both have been working to give us feedback and guidance. [P] [SEP]

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2021 Calendar Updates

Retreat will be held on January 30th, 2021 from
9:30am-130pm

OCR Updates

Accessibility and City Council: OCR will send an email that will include links for accessibility accommodations as well as how to sign up for public comment.

Name Change update: The name change will be introduced at tomorrow's committee meeting (Friday, January 22nd, 2021). The name change being proposed is from Commission for People with DisAbilities to Seattle Disability Commission.

Reappointments: Will be confirmed at tomorrow's committee meeting (Friday, January 22nd, 2021). All reappointments will be heard and officially confirmed by the full council on February 1st, 2021. [P] [SEP]

Recruitment: The commission currently has 13 vacant positions. Commission needs to review the application and engage in outreach. Recruitment will be on the retreat agenda. OCR will send out a press release.

Commissioner: There are three ways people can apply - resume, video, and maybe voice. We need to review commission minutes to see where it was recorded – perhaps two years ago.

OCR: Requests that commissioners come to the retreat with ideas on where/how to engage outreach. Also requests that commissioners think about accessibility for the application.

Retreat Agenda Options

Outreach – expanding social media presence, utilizing the committee website, etc...

Relationship Building / Partnering – work on building our relationships with different organizations and also different boards and commissions. P
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Committee's Internal Communication - create a way for us all within the Commission to better communicate with one another.

Electing Co-chairs

Commissioner: Highlighted outreach efforts the committee engaged in throughout 2020, specifically concerning issues of homelessness and organizations that serve individuals experiencing homelessness.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:06pm

Action Items

Future Agenda Items