

Seattle Disability Commission Notes

September 16, 2021 - 4pm-6pm

Commissioners Present: Anquida Adams, Taylor Woods, April Snow, Kaitlin Skilton

Absent: Dawn Dailey, Christine Lew, Heyiwot Amare, Khazm Kogita, Jessica Williams-Hall, Kristina Sawyckyj

ORC Staff: Janet, Meredith

Captioner: Eileen

Public: Carol Haffar, Holly Delcambre

Roll Call / Commissioner Introductions

There was not quorum so moved forward with sharing information.

Announcements

Dawn had a personal emergency and could not join. Kristina lost internet at the beginning of the meeting.

Kaitlin not receiving some of her emails, not intentionally trying to ignore people. Apologize for technical issues.

OCR updates & workplans

- Janet shared Chritine Lew is taking a temporary leave of absence.
- Khazm is unable to attend meetings on Thursdays, yet is available to do media updates and posts. Khazm is asking for upcoming space at commission meeting to have a listening session. Janet will share more via email.

We have 10 commissioners, which makes 6 people quorum. There is a need to recruit more commissioners; April is taking lead on this.

Meetings to make this happen will be between now and December.

Next meeting Helen at OCR will do a presentation on Policy in the city.

Update from Seattle Human Rights Commission: seeking commission or individual to take lead on hosting a candidate forum. If you are interest in leading connect with Marta at marta.idowu@seattle.gov or Janet at janet.stafford@seattle.gov.

Meredith shared that the WA State Debate Coalition is having Mayoral Candidate forums on Oct. 14 or 18.

Commissioners need to share updated workplans and Bylaws by end of January. Can be worked on at upcoming retreats and then shared with Janet.

Meredith will have office hours Wednesdays from 11:30am-1:00pm to support commissioners. Email coming with link to join her at office hours on WebEx, let her know if that won't work and can set up another time.

Meredith and IT department exploring city email addresses for everyone on commissions. In absence of city emails, to protect yourself for Public Disclosure Requests. Consider the information you put in emails (i.e., if jubilee information in emails and someone asks for all jubilee information your email would be included. Don't include contact info in signature, cell phone, address, etc.). Technically you are on official city business when engaging in all things for the Commission. This includes texting or slack. Keep records so easy to share if necessary (i.e., keep folder if using personal address, etc.). Don't delete things!

If sharing documents make sure to cc to Janet so she can keep track regarding public disclosure.

Erika Pablo from OCR Policy team shared presentation about service animal technical amendments about updating service animal definition. Legislation that is trying to get moved forward, has been shared with commission in past but want to reshare. See presentation that will be emailed to Commission.

Commissioners and public shared feedback and are invited to email additional feedback.

Jubilee timeline December 8, 6 pm – 7 pm

From agenda hoping to have special meeting to make decisions:

- Have Jubilee event or switch to only give out awards and spotlighting awardees (awards

announcement online and spotlight for five days in December)

- How to expand reach for getting people nominated and troubleshoot why someone would want to nominate someone for this award.
- Create budget for marketing, could pay for newsletter and boosting on social media (have prepaid award so doesn't come out of budget)
- Taylor as Awards committee has power to change nomination timeline on form before Commission starts putting it out on social media. Possibly November 15th.
- Promoters: The Governors Committee annual awards program, Holly will forward information; Alliance for People with Disabilities; Holly has list of orgs will forward information.

Closing Comments and Public Comment

Agenda items Not covered due to not having quorum:

Co-Chair Update

Calendar Decisions

- Postpone December Commission
- Set date January Retreat

Approval of Minutes

- August 2021 Minutes
- February 2021 Minutes
- Summarize 2021 record of meetings and minutes
- Redact Minutes and Address Notes

Committee reports:

- Awards: Kristina: meeting times:
- Fun: Christine: meeting times:
- Sponsor Committee: April: meeting times

Vote on any Jubilee expenses

ELECTIONS: no action

- Vote on interim co-chair (now to Dec)

- What does a Co-Chairs do? Anquida
- Nominations, self-nominations, Candidates statements
- vote
- Nominations open for 2022 (election at Jan Meeting)