

January 20, 2022 - 4pm-6pm

Seattle Disability Commission Minutes

Commissioners present: Anquida Adams, Kristina (Tina) Sawyckyj, Kaitlin Skilton, April Snow, Christine Lew, Dawn Dailey

Commissioners not present: Heyiwot Amare, Jessica Williams-Hall

Commissioners pending appointment: Taylor Ladd – Get Engaged Commissioner

Leave of absence Khazm Kogita and Taylor Woods

OCR Staff: Janet Stafford and Meridith Stone

Captioner: Darlene Rodella

Guests: Helen Gebreamlak

Members of the public: Tom Hewitt - SDOT ADA coordinator, Schuyler Reid - new commissioner on Human Rights Commission, Dionne Malatesta - Special Education Parent Teacher Student Association

Topic

- Call to Order April
- Roll Call / Commissioner Introductions /Announcements Anquida
- Welcome OCR staff Anquida
- Meeting Norms Facilitator
- Universal Design April
- What are we celebrating? April

Co-Chair Update

April shared the co-chairs postponed a meeting with a member of the YMCA to next week. The co-chairs did have a meeting with the Special Olympics

about having a partnership and there is a plan to have Heyiwot as a liaison for the Commission.

Anquida shared that next month there will be a slideshow of what happened last year for the Commission. Regarding marketing the Commission now has t-shirt, pins, magnets, and banner. We are working to get budget money to get tote bags and more inclusive sizes of t-shirt. The co-chairs shared with community members information regarding how our community can get support with regards to the moratorium. There is currently a process of cleaning up the Commissions website, if commissioners want to change anything on the website please reach out.

April and Anquida plan to do listening sessions in the community, if commissioners want to join, please let them know. The goal is to raise awareness about the commission and about visible and non-visible disabilities.

Office Civil Rights Update

Reminders:

- Next 5 Chair Commission meeting is Feb 9th at 5:30pm.
- There have been multiple trainings already this month and are more coming including one on Jan 26th from 5-8pm. Future ones include Policy 101 and Strategic Planning, dates tbd.
- Annual budget has reset so the Commission has \$2000 for the year.
- Reminder that Commissioners are expected to attend all Commission meetings. Commissioner will be connected with after 2 absences from commission meetings.

Approval of Minutes

- Retreat 2021 Minutes
 - Tina moved, Kaitlin seconded.
 - Yes 4; No 0; Abstained 0.
- October 2021 Minutes
 - Tina moved, Kaitlin seconded.
 - Yes 4; No 0; Abstained 0.

- November 2021 Notes (no quorum).
 - Left to be addressed at next meeting.

Looking Forward and Looking Back

Vote on Co-Chairs and Strategic Plan Draft

April self-nominated. Anquida called to vote:

- Yes 4; No 0; Abstained 1.

Approval of Work Plan. April called to vote:

- Yes 5; No 0; Abstained 0.

Policy Making 101 with Helen Gebreamlak

Tina proposed two key policy initiatives:

1. Care giver free ticket to venues
2. wheelchair permits for Seattle (like Portland)

Are there any other commissioners interested?

Closing Comments, Adjournment & What we'd like to celebrate for the next two months