

Commission for People with disAbilities

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

Boards and Commission Room – L 280

Seattle City Hall

Commissioners in attendance: Diane Laurine, Steve Lewis, Cindi Law, Shaun Bickley, Kevin Eggers, ChrisTiana Obey, Jayson Morris

Public Comment:

Marci Carpenter, National Federation of the Blind

- Thank you for the recently held forum.
- Metro looking at altering routes 3 and 4, S. on 3rd and E on James to be routed by Yesler, which is down a hill and in areas with gravel in some cases. This route serves the hospitals and human services on First Hill. Transit Advisory Board also looking at this issue. Metro will present on this issue and Marcy will notify chairs once a meeting date is set.
- On Disability Advisory Board of King County Elections. Looking at increasing the number of places that have accessible machines. Will send info on accessible voting places.

Report from Seattle Office for Civil Rights (Brenda Anibarro, Policy Manager)

- Encampment Monitoring report will come out the end of October
- City Council continuing discussion Councilmember Herbold has begun regarding shifting OCR to the legislative branch. Will update commission as we learn more.

Caregiver Personal Assistant Proposal (Conrad, Steve, Diane and Cindi)

- Cindi shared that committee is working to develop a proposed ordinance to amend the Seattle Municipal Code to clarify that places of public accommodation that charge admittance (theatres, other public events), may not deny complimentary admission for a self-support service provider
- Steve discussed case in Philadelphia (Anderson v. Franklin Institute) where judge ruled was a reasonable accommodation to allow support person admission at no cost.
- Cindi relayed that CM Bagshaw interested in sponsoring
- Shaun raised concern about bringing allies to the table. Raised that may need support if working with venues that charge high fees, may need extra support if there are places that oppose.
- Cindi stated that a meeting set with Chamber to bring them into support.
- Shaun asked whether proposal will require documentation.
- Steve said it should follow other ADA requirements, where the venue can't ask for documentation but the person in need, will need to make the request. This was noted as a

concern a number of commissioners and people present (Dorian, Diane, Shaun) had – ensuring that the proposal should be clear that documentation would not be required.

- Cindi said there is a need to create an FAQ ahead of a hearing, as part of due diligence to ease the transition.
- Dorian said that many people would attend events if this accessibility was offered.
- Please be sure to call the Deaf Blind Center re this work, the more appropriate term than caregiver is self-support service provider.
- Diane commented that unfair if have to tell people that we need a caregiver, they ought to know.
- Comment from public was that allowing venue to ask or requiring the person to give notice felt intrusive and people may not want to discuss the support person's role.
- Cindi said this will require a lot of education, particularly for seasonal/temporary workers at venues
- Kevin asked how it would work for online purchase, especially those that sell out quickly.

Public Safety Committee (Shaun)

- Wanted to bring resolution against sweeps but didn't meet in time, could do as individuals.
- Presented resolution in support for safe consumption sites. Ready for Commission vote.

Action: Pass resolution asking City Council to support \$2 million in the 2018 budget for safe consumption sites.

- Christiana moved to vote. Shaun seconded.
- Resolution passed unanimously.
- When Council President Harrell served as Mayor he issued an Executive Order on alternatives to youth incarceration and calling on SOCR to create a taskforce on this issue.

Action: Pass letter that calls on SOCR to ensure a place on the taskforce for a young person with a developmental disability or an advocate who specializes in working with young people with developmental disabilities that can serve to advise the taskforce.

- Letter passed unanimously.

Housing Committee (ChrisTiana)

- Committee was unable to meet due to other committee member being out of town.

Housing for All Coalition in attendance and looking for sign-on support for 11-point platform.

Action: Endorse Housing for All Coalition platform.

- Cindi moved to endorse general platform. Shaun seconded.

- Passed unanimously.

Transportation Committee (Steve)

- Reviewing proposal to require ADA parking and wheelchair accessible vehicles in residential buildings.
- Announcement made re Oct 30 Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting, SDOT, 10:30-12:30pm, discussion on not doing street car on 1st Ave.

Action: Require all new residential buildings have both ADA parking and loading zone(s) for wheelchair accessible vehicles (even if the building does not provide any other parking)

- Shaun motioned for a vote. Dorian seconded.
- Passed unanimously.

Operations Committee (Jayson)

- Will come up with an operations taratgy fromm what Matt created. In 2018 work plan cas assess tools needed.
- Shaun asked whether will report when next meeting will occur so others can attend? Jason responded yes.

Forum Report Out (Cindi)

- 5 hours, covered 7 races
- Seattle Channel filmed
- Used CART
- Raised 2750 to pay for site, CART and brochures (Alliance served as fiscal sponsor)
- Support from Marta, SPL, Seattle Channel, Jenny Mechem
- Panel supported by questions from Jayson, Shaun, ChrisTiana, Kevin
- Steve and Kevin were great time keepers
- Shaun appreciated Cindi getting 13 of 14 candidates there, arranging it, and we should do it again. Would like to see it be made more of a committee effort, missed having a big community presence. Having more people share the load would make it less stressful and address what didn't occur.
- ChrisTiana raised that having it at SPL was concerning given lack of accessibility for transgender people at SPL restrooms. Doesn't feel like a welcoming space right now.
- Comment from public regarding their denial of access at SPL restroom.
- Cindi stated will take into consideration for future.

WINGS (Guardianship) presentation (David Lord, Disability Rights Washington)

- Interdisciplinary network of guardianship stakeholders
- An opportunity to have direct conversations with people with disabilities, courts, judges,, guardians.
- Seeking to recruit people interested in participating.
- Not enough people with disabilities
- Cindi encouraged commissioners to educate state legislators on this issue as move into session.
- Shaun raised that as go into retreat, might want to look at guardian reform even though this is a county-level issue.

Announcements: Retreat is Saturday, November 18th at SOCR.