**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

January 14, 2019

6pm-8pm

Seattle City Hall, Room 370

**Commissioners present:** Alison Turner, Ben Mitchell, Bereket Kiros, Carol Redfield, Chris Maykut, Emily Kim, Julie Pham, Natalie Curtis, Patricia Akiyama  **Commissioners not present:** Felix Chang, Karyn Kubo Fleming, Leanne Do, Rani Hanstad, Sonj Basha**,** Thais Marbles  
**Staff present:** Danielle Friedman

**Opening**

Agenda modified and approved. Minutes approved.

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Resources Workgroup Update**

Resources gave an update on their recent work. Goal of resource group is to encourage equitable distribution of resources. Got information from Department of Neighborhoods about grants.  Main goal was to see who was getting the grants, which neighborhoods, etc. There is a huge gap. But need to dive deeper into citywide grants. Some neighborhoods get more while others get less.

Within the Neighborhood Matching Fund Program, 2017 was reflective of changes as a response to RSJ analysis. The data might be a little early to draw broad conclusions from that. Thing to do is continue the conversation, identify bright spots and challenges.

Interested in working on this issue with the whole commission. Looking at best practices, talking to project managers, etc, other work and many streams of work to do.

Resources group will continue to collect data and ask questions to then inform recommendations. The workgroup will take a look at the neighborhoods at the end of the process and look at the evaluation. How did they interact with the process? Did they come back?

**Co-chair elections**

Felix and Julie are running again. Sonj and Thais are not running again. Patricia and Alison were nominated. The commission voted, and the new 2019 co-chairs are:

Julie Pham

Felix Chang

Alison Turner

Patricia Akiyama

**Annual Report Review**

Commissioners reviewed and edited the annual report. Group agreed to a finalized version.

**Annual Report Launch Planning**

Commissioners used this time to plan and coordinate an upcoming event that they held on January 22nd to launch the annual report. Report will be released to the public the first week of February.

**Next Meeting**

Feb 11th – It is changed due to President’s Day. In March, regular meeting time (3rd Mondays of the Month) will recommence.