

MINUTES

Seattle Women's Commission
Boards and Commissions Conference Room L280
600 Fourth Avenue, City Hall
Monday, May 21, 2018, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Zoe True, Idabelle Fosse, Priya Saxena, Tana Yasu, Lakeisha Jackson, Jamilah Williams, Ruchika Tulshyan, Rokea Jones, Morgan Beach, Rhonda Carter, Michele Frix, Rhonda Carter, Vivian Lee

Commissioners Calling In: Min Pease, Erica Soelling, Tara Patricia Cookson, Darya Farivar

Commissioners Absent/Excused/Leave: Nicole Negrón, Xochitl Maykovich, Teresa Springer

Visitors: Manuel Venegas, Rene Murry, Chief Carmen Best

Start time: 5:45 PM

Announcements: Pride Parade (Sunday June 24) and Pride Flag Raising (Friday June 1) are happening and SWC is invited to attend/participate.

Public Comment: N/A

Approval of minutes: 100% approval with amendments (Date + Michele present)

Briefing with Rene Murry

R. Carter

- Rhonda would like the commission to think through priorities related to the Families and Ed Levy
- Invited Rene Murry from Youth Development Executives of King County to discuss the Superintendent hiring and the Families and Ed Levy
- Rene - SPS Superintendent Search
 - o Very expedited timeline for search
 - o Woman chosen is highly regarded by community
- Rene - 2 Ballot Measures on docket coming up (additional tax applied by SPS to fund additional operational costs)
- Rene - Overview of Mayor's Ed Proposal
 - o 57% for birth to 5 (primarily expanding pre-k)
 - Expansion of support for pre-k
 - o 7% for universal promise (13th grade)
 - o Balance for K-12
 - o Important to "sustain the gain"

- In other words, must continue to invest in students beyond birth to 5
 - o Possible that there will be many summer learning providers left out of the levy
 - o not for operations not for capital, because COS does not fund SPS
- Erika - Do any of the summer programs that may be cut provide free food to young people?
 - o Rene - The programs may be compromised; the availability of food will likely remain, but programs delivering it may be different.
- Rene - Licensing for Early Learning is more expensive per square foot.
- Rokea - Will the Universal Promise program only be available to high school students?
 - o Rene- targeted population is foster and homeless youth
- Rokea - Are there any conversations between Ed Agencies and Transit Agencies about sharing of space for education purposes
 - o Rene - Transportation Committee at State Level got fee added to all things purchased for construction of Sound Transit 3 “for educational support for vulnerable youth.”
 - o Biggest thing is facilities. Several education oriented groups vying for funds.
- Rene - We need equitable support; early learning AND k-12
- Tana - Disappointed in SPS - poor outcomes for students of color
 - o How will this money be used to provide real care for homeless youth?
 - o Rene - Many of the organizations (like REWA) we work with provide family-based services for youth.
- Morgan - Does anybody have thoughts on actions SWC could take to address this?
 - o Rokea - Might be a good opportunity to point out potential gaps.
 - o Zoe - Loss of summer food provisions might be a big deal for youth and families
 - o Erica - Happy to work on letter (Huge community health issue)
 - o Zoe - loss of before and after care, summer care, would disproportionately impact women
 - o Michele - Cutting programs like this so suddenly is a huge gap; expecting philanthropy to fill the gap so suddenly is myopic; cutting programs means cutting jobs and capacity that has been developed over time
- Priya - *Motion to write letter (Erica will write) Motion passes unanimously*
- Min - Would love to follow up on housing and licensing piece for Equitable Development subcommittee

MeToo Event Debrief

All

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- *Standing Ovation :-)*
 - Priya - Thought event was wonderful. Received feedback from a couple speakers who felt that few commissioners greeted them during the event.
 - Morgan - Halima (first speaker) invited SWC to attend Gender Justice (SU) meeting on Wednesday
 - o Halima shared that the space felt liberating
 - Ruchika - Thank you Idabelle for bringing trauma counselor to the event for people to access
 - Michele - Such a powerful event, and one that should happen with more regularity. Connection to The Moth could be a great opportunity.
 - Morgan - there were a lot of policy issues raised at the event. good opportunity for commission to address policy actions.
 - Priya - Yes, one issue was *rape kit backlog*
 - o Zoe - Seattle has committed to analyzing all kits in backlog
 - o Chief Best - Yes, SPD is dedicated to completing all rape kits and we are on track.

Community Health & Wellness Committee Homelessness Event

All

- *Zoe - Subcommittee has been doing a lot of work to get this event off the ground*
 - *Nicole has managed to get the Riveter free of charge, in addition to light catering*
- *Speakers include: Representative Nicole Macri, Cheryl Sesnon, Nikki Gane, Doula from Open Arms, Potentially Councilmember Gonzales, Three people with lived experience of homelessness*
- *Someone from Seattle Times will moderate the panel*
- *Hear stories from people who have personal experience with homelessness*
- *Panel discussion from people working in services and local government policy*
- *Would like to pay speakers (those who have experienced homelessness)*
- *Would like to have somebody from private sector but haven't had much luck*
- *Rhonda will reach out to government person from Zillow*
- *Erica would like to invite her colleague: author of "Catching Homelessness"*
- *Priya - Is the event kid friendly?*

Sub-Committee Report-Outs

I. Fosse/All

- *Community Health and Wellness*
 - *See above*
- *Education and Economic Opportunities*
 - *See discussion of Families and Ed Levy above*
 - *2-year priority of childcare*
 - *What are the levers? Market is broken*
 - *Can we form a Childcare Voltron?*
 - *Levers may be: zoning, licensing, facilities*
 - *Mayor Durkan made a promise to look at surplus land for childcare facilities*
- *Equitable Development*
 - *Housing Justice study is coming along; data is really heartbreaking and also tedious to get through; really need help with data entry*
 - *Study is important because women with children are the face of eviction*
 - *Jamilah - Min and I have been doing work on harassment in transit*
 - *spoke with Major Dave Jutilla from King County Sheriff to talk about the King County Metro campaign to address sexual harassment on buses*
- *Violence Prevention and Justice*
 - *Michele - Seattle Foundation hosting an event about violence against women and girls in Guatemala (Event June 1st from 3:30-5:30)*
- *5-Commission Homelessness Committee (Manuel Venegas)*
 - *Recommends catching up on notes from Danielle Wallace*
 - *Tomorrow at CRUEDA meeting there will be discussion on the MDAR*
 - *CM Herbold has two big questions*
 - *What is the commissions' position on encampment removals?*
 - *What are recommendations for changes based on own monitoring of practices.*
 - *LGBTQC is not on the ground for these removals, so cannot make 'monitoring' comments*

Co-Chair Nominations

M. Beach

- *Nominations will be made tonight*
- *Votes happen in June meeting*
- *Morgan provides history*
 - o Used to have one co-chair, but upped to four for better distribution of work
 - o Co-chairs share responsibility of being spokesperson, delegating work to subcommittees, setting agendas, etc...
- *Morgan nominates*
 - o *Idabelle Fosse, Xochitl Maykovich, Ruchika Tulshyan, Priya Saxena*

SOCR Update

L. Othón

- Anti-Harassment IDT will be wrapping up work soon, and will produce recommendations to present to Mayor and City Council

7:30 PM

Adjourn