



# City of Seattle

Jenny Durkan, Mayor

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## Seattle Women's Commission

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Seattle Women's Commission**  
**Monday, June 17, 2019, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.**  
**Seattle City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 370**  
**Commission Call-In-Number, 206-386-1200**  
**Access Code: 283594**  
**Listen Line: 206-684-4718**

#### **Commissioners Present/Phone:**

Idabelle Fosse, Tana Yasu, Jamilah Williams, Ruchika Tulshyan, Zoe True, Darya Farivar, Erica Soelling, Rhonda Carter, Keisha Jackson, Priya Saxena, Diya Khanna and Rokea Jones

**Commissioners Absent/Leave/Excused/on the phone:** Vivian Lee, Xochitl Maykovich, Min Pease and Diana Im

**Guests Sign-In:** Harriett Walden, Community Police Commission (CPC) and Mothers Against Drunk Driver's (MADD)

#### **Welcome**

Jamilah calls the meeting to order and Commissioners and guests introduce themselves

#### **Public comment**

- **Harriett Walden** gives public testimony regarding an incident where a woman was injured by police using a taser gun on her in Pioneer Square.
- Policing may be needed in King County regarding this matter and in the Consent Decree accountability standards have not been met.
- **New City Councilmember Abel Pacheco, Jr.**, – District 4 comes and introduces himself. He replaced Rob Johnson on the Seattle City Council and wants to learn more of the concerns of the Commissions. Some issues raised were around DV policy, transportation, homelessness, light rail, solutions to gender-based violence. He announced an open house he is having on June 22, 2019, 10:00a-1:00p.

#### **Announcements**

Tana shares an event – Jazz in the Park. She will follow up with an email. June 22, 2019, 11:00a-6:00p, Central District, 2100 and Jackson.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made and seconded to approve Minutes. Commissioners unanimously approve May Minutes

**Guest Speaker:** Susan Segall, Executive Director, New Beginnings

- Presents information about their program
- New Beginnings is the first DV organization for survivor support
- Ask to the Commission: DV helpline-Seattle/King County doesn't have one
- Seeking Levy funding from city budget, advocate to mayor by writing a letter/meeting with the mayor on this issue, etc.
- Restorative Justice options and prevention
- Technology & DV intersections
- Housing and DV intersections
- Q&A

**Guest Speaker:** Darya Farivar speaks on

- Violence Against Women Act

Guest Speakers: Jansi and Priya, SaveH4EAD speak on

- Fight to save the legal work permits of thousands (mostly women) across the US
- EEO Committee will follow up
- DHHS reports purchasing power by sales tax
- H1 Visa – can't workH4EAD – WA 6,000
- Q&A

## **Jeanette Williams Award**

- Jeanette Williams Award: Keisha, but information was shared by other members about the following:
  - Event is on Thursday, September 26, 2019. Bertha Knight Landes Room
  - Will need security and it is \$114.60
  - Two artists @ \$75
  - Award \$100
  - Food, to be determined with other costs. Keisha will send out the budget she put together
  - Nominations close on August 2, 2019.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Violence Prevention and Justice** – Darya and Idabelle

- Update by Darya Violence Against Women Act and their work

**Community Health and Wellness** – Zoe reports on:

- Signs about periods in the bathroom for feminine products Vivian is working with LGBTQ Commission to change the name to menstrual care products and reaching out to SPU to find the contact to change the name from “*feminine to menstrual products.*”
- Maternal event in August is discussed along with their budget that they will finalize and send out. May be talking about \$250 or more since the space at the Riveter, a female focused organization is free. Zoe will resend her budget.

**Economic and Educational Opportunities** – Rhonda shares

- Meetings with city attorneys and mayor
- Inviting immigration groups to our meeting

**Equitable Development** - Diana shares their work on the committee and reports on the following:

- VAWA has been re-authorized

**SOCR Report** – Marta discusses

- Sign-up for Race: The Power of an Illusion on either August 17, 2019 or August 24, 2019, 810 Third Avenue, Suite 750, Seattle, WA 98104, 8:30a-4:30p.

**Adjourned**