



City of Seattle

Ed Murray, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

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Seattle Women's Commission
Boards and Commissions Conference Room L280
600 Fourth Avenue, City Hall
Monday, March 17, 2014, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mercedes Elizalde, W.M. Gillihan, Mergitu Argo, Alison Mondi, Bridgette Maryman, Roslyn Kagy, Michele Frix, Morgan Beach, Maha Jahshan, Mergitu Argo Lylianna Allala Susana Tat, Jaron Goddard, Clarissa Lord Brundage, Nicki Olivier, Elsa-Batres-Boni, Betsy McConnell Gutierrez and Tracey Whitten

Commissioners: Absent/Excused/Leave, Jennifer Cobb and Phyllis Lewis

Welcome: Commission introductions

Guests: CM Jean Godden, Alex Zimmerman and Molly Talkington

Public comment:

- Molly Talkington, talks about the harassment she has experienced in Seattle.
- Alex Zimmerman comments about him not being fairly treated.

Next steps for the Equal Pay Taskforce and Focus on Gender Equity –
Council Member Jean Godden

- Commission and guest introductions
- Discusses her feelings about the pay equity and the assistance she wants from the Commission to move this forward.
- Q&A

Affordable Care Act [ACA] Q&A and Outreach

- Mercedes talks about the Affordable Care Act and the video they did last month.
- Reproductive roundtable was amazing and a lot of service providers attended.

Outreach to the Business Community for PSST, Job Assistance Ordinance

- Karina Bull, SOCR Business Liaison talks about the work she does in the business community around PSST and Job Assistance Ordinance.
- Awareness and compliance is her biggest job and we are a national leader in PSST.

- Karina leaves brochures around the work she does.
- Jennifer Samuels shares that CM Bruce Harrell and CM Licata would be interested in getting information on what is needed to continue to make the PSST successful.

Discussion of Administrative Changes for SOCR and SWC

- Commissioners were receptive to start doing their minutes.
- Nicki and Clarissa volunteer to do the minutes.

WA State Labor Education and Research Workers' Rights Manual

- Betsy talks about the Washington State Workers' Rights Manual to share with the Commission. She passes out a flyer and notes that these documents are done in several different languages.

Discussion of Housing & Homelessness Sub-Group Meeting with CM Clark. Allison discusses the following things:

- Gives an update on the meeting with CM Sally Clark and talked about her committees work on the fair jobs act.
- Office of housing will be working on a strategic plan. Director of Housing has not yet been confirmed.
- Existing affordable housing keeps going away.
- Suggestions to the Commission get more involved in the budget statement of issues from the Commission what would constitute success in the city. Search for new HSD Director.
- DV issues
- Search for Chief of Police
- Super subcommittee on Housing and Homelessness to meet in May at 5:00 p.m. Boards and Commissions Conference room for their first meeting.

Girl Justice Focus Group Advocacy & WARN Human Trafficking Network Update

- Jaron doing focus groups with girls all over the state and now working with women. Jaron is consulting with them in Girl Scouts and how they are going to do their focus groups for Women and they would like to do a focus group with the Commission as well.

Lauren Othon, SOCR

- Gender Equity update comprehensive one from CM Jean Godden already.
- Gender equity issues are calling our Office
- Austin Texas called us regarding gender equity assistance as they have started the parental leave.
- Parental leave started in Boston Massachusetts.
- Nation is looking at us on this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: March 20, 2014 Boards and Commissions Conference
Room L280**

**FIVE COMMISSION MEETINGS:
5:30 PM, 810 Third Avenue, Suite 750, Seattle, WA.**

**May 14, 2014
August 13, 2014
November 12, 2014**