



City of Seattle

Jenny Durkan, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

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Boards and Commissions Conference Room L280
600 Fourth Avenue, City Hall
Monday, January 22, 2018, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rokea Jones, Min Pease, Jamilah Williams, Idabelle Fosse, Priya Saxena, Rhonda Carter, Morgan Beach, Darya Farivar, Tana Yasu, Ruchika Tulshyan

Commissioners Calling In: Zoe True, Nicole Negron, Keisha Jackson, Teresa Springer, Vivian Lee

Commissioners Absent/Excused/Leave: Michele Frix, Erica Soelling, Tracey Whitten

Visitors: Steve from Commission for People with disAbilities

Start time: 5:30PM

Announcements: Darya is helping a pop-up kitchen in Ravenna to help provide food to people experiencing homelessness; Morgan provided debrief of Women's March participation.

Public Comment: Steve from Commission for People with disAbilities provided comment on Voluntary Sterilization of people with disabilities

Approval of minutes: 100% approval

SOCR Update

- **Mariko Lockhart** is the new Interim Director for SOCR
- Looks forward to coming to meetings regularly and partnering with commission to advance civil rights issues.
- Mariko shared her story of working in and with government to advance racial equity and social justice. Was previously the Director of SYVPI for 7 years. Has been working on nationwide scale for last two years. Her approach on all her work is to build collaboration across sectors and departments.

Voluntary Sterilization Letter & Vote

Zoe True

- Zoe followed up with issue after Shawn visited SWC meeting
- Difficult issue to research as there is lack of information available

- Letter is concise and focused on responding to the proposed form. Important to look at the form from the perspective of reproductive rights.
- Darya provided clarification on language for discussing people with disabilities, and discussed potential for including information around sterilization in guardianship training for people becoming guardians for people with disabilities.
- Ruchika would like to hear from people with disabilities who identify as female.
- Rokea: Not sure this is the correct solution.
- Zoe: There have been cases of sterilization that are not in line with the law & providers are often unaware of the law, so lawmakers want to create the form to educate community and medical providers about the law.
- Xochitl provided information on the extent of power guardians have in Washington.
- Idabelle moves to approve letter, Ruchika seconded
- **Motion to send letter to Commissioner Zinn - approved by unanimous vote.**

Sexual Harassment & City Employees

M. Beach & P. Saxena

- Morgan and Priya met with DM Ranganathan and MO staff to discuss harassment in City departments and how the SWC can partner with them to address the issue.
- Loren: MO will have update for commission soon.

Social Media Policies & Engagement

- Loida would like to hand off social media responsibilities to other commissioners
- Social media is only managed by a couple people for content control
- Jamilah is the new social media lead

Sub-Committee Report Outs

- *Community Health and Wellness*
 - Continuing to advance plan of having Town Hall style event
 - Reached out to orgs working with people experiencing home insecurity
 - Hopefully collaborating with Town Hall
 - Will have update next month with more specific details
- *Education and Economic Opportunities*
 - Waiting to hear from CM Herbold on childcare task force
 - Plan to host event in March on sexual assault and harassment in the workplace
- *Equitable Development*
 - Workplan priority 1
 - Conducting research around evictions in Seattle and developing policy recommendations with focus on the impacts on marginalized communities like elder women, LGBTQ individuals,

women of color, immigrant women, women with disabilities and gender non-conforming individuals:

- Survey in partnership w/ Housing Justice Project on renting and evictions in Seattle drafted
 - Honed in on report outline, data needs, and brainstormed resources needed
- o Workplan priority 3
 - Gathering information about transit deserts (an area with limited or no public transit options) and their impacts on safety and equitable access to livelihoods, especially for women with disabilities
 - Desk research on articles involving transit best practices and impacts
 - Call with Rhonda to understand landscape and connect with appropriate people at Sound Transit
- *Violence Prevention and Justice*
 - o Want to work with community organizations to host series of events in April on DV/SA
 - o Denim Day, Creative Expression, etc...

6:50 PM

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