



City of Seattle

Jenny Durkan, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

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Seattle Women's Commission
Monday, February 25, 2019, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Seattle City Hall 3rd Floor, Room 370
Commission Call-In-Number, 206-386-1200
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Commissioners Present: Jamilah Williams, Tana Yasu, Diya Khanna, Darya Farivar, Idabelle Fosse, Zoe True, Diana Im, Min Pease, Priya Saxena, Vivian Lee, Keisha Jackson, Rokea Jones,

Commissioners Absent/Leave/Excused: Angela Rae, Erica Soelling, Rhonda Carter, Ruchika Tulshyan and Xochitl Maykovich

Guest Sign-In, Erik Gray, Lizzie Moll, Diane Wiatr, Ilays Aden, Palmira Figueroa, Laua Baird, Manuel Venegas, Abby Greenfield, Tiffany Go, Kyla Evans, Giannina Ferrara

Welcome

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

Public comment

No public comment

Announcements

No announcements

Approval of Minutes

Commissioners unanimously approve January Minutes with an amendment – DV group change

Guest Speakers: Lizzie Moll and Diane Wiatr, City of Seattle Department of Transportation.

Gives an update on “Imagine Greater Downtown” and passes out some informational materials about the project and invites commissioners to their event on Thursday,

They have been talking to groups questions about “where they avoid, where do they hang out and what would they like to see in the downtown area.”

Invites the Commission to an open house on Thursday, February 28, 2019, Seattle City Hall, Bertha Knight Landes Room, 600 4th Avenue. This a visioning project with a lot of agency partners.

They are doing a lot of Outreach and engagement by going to where people gather. The Department of Neighborhoods is helping on this endeavor.

They are seeking the Commissions thoughts on how to create great streets, lively public spaces, and better ways to get around.

Guest Speaker: Erik Gray, Businesses Ending Slavery & Trafficking, (BEST)

Shares information about his meetings and work around the sex trade and passes out some informational materials.

Shares information about ending slavery and trafficking and what it means to have safe jobs.

Tracking attendance and Norms - Priya

Shares that they are actively tracking attendance and that there may be times when all the co-chairs may not be able to attend a meeting and that they will make all efforts to be there but to be understanding when it doesn't always happen. If it does, they will make sure that another Committee Chair or Commissioner will be notified to lead the meeting.

Reads from the Bylaws about when a co-chair or co-chairs are not in attendance. Commissioner present would make a decision to have the meeting and conduct Commission business

Reads from the Bylaws again about protocol for attendance and reads the process for excused absences. Problems occur when we're not communicating with each other. Also, you can ask for a leave of absence if you need to take some time off. The key is to communicate.

Agenda for 5-Commission meeting

Commissioners had no agenda items to add to the 5-Commission agenda
Events: Priya and Idabelle plan to call-in.

Jeanette Williams Award

Keisha talks about the Jeanette Williams award event that she helped to put on last year and Keisha, Rokea, Vivian, Rhonda, Priya and Tana agree to be on the committee.

International Women's Day

Plan to do social media stuff and due to lack of funding, will not take the Stranger up on its ad. Commissioners unanimously vote "no" to the ad.

Each committee will designate the chairs to do something.

Presenting Workplan to CM Herbold's Committee

Commissioners agree that they will be able to present their work plan on March 26, 2019, 9:30a before CM Lisa Herbold's Committee

Recruiting for New Commissioners in April

Commissioners agree to start the process of recruiting for new Commissioners and Marta will prepare a press release and get it sent out on the website.

Diana Im nomination for the Transportation Equity Workgroup

Diana makes a request about a project that SDOT wants the Commission to be a part of around evictions in housing and she needs to get the Commission to recommend her to do this work as well as invite others that may be interested. She asks the Commission to nominate her and others as she needs an alternate to back her back up in case something happens to her, the alternate is already in place. Motion made and seconded to nominate Diana Im to serve on this committee and the two alternates are Jamila and Keisha who will be Diana's alternates. Passes unanimously.

Finalize and approve 2019 Workplan

Commissioner review and unanimously approve their 2019 Work Plan with the amendments by Zoe and Vivian.

Subcommittee Reports:

Community Health and Wellness - Zoe

- Domestic Violence report is moving forward and should know in March if we will be having interviews.
- Met as a committee on maternal health issues as we get support at the state level on this issue from legislators on this important issue related to maternal health. Rokea shares that the library has already received a commitment of support.

Economic and Educational Opportunities – Rhonda

- Met today and had a conversation about the “Times Up Me Too” event in May of last year and if we should do something like this F-Bomb Breakfast Bar in the Fall of this year. The event is to encourage women entrepreneurs to share their personal narratives and equip women entrepreneurs to be successful.
- We have our meetings every other week.

Equitable Development -Min

- Met and talked about the eviction report
- Diana and Jamilah are taking on transit and they recently sent the Department of Transportation some questions for them to use in their survey.
- Sound transit gives a three-ticket warning and the you have a court date.
- They will continue to work on fair enforcement reform with enforcement transit and fairness on buses.

Violence Prevention and justice - Idabelle

- Working on Denim Day and exploring what it will look like. Move information to share after they meet

SOCR Report – Marta discusses

- 5-Commission meeting – No agenda items to share
- Back in the Boards and Commissions room in March
- Get your parking permits in to me along with badge, business card requests
- Actively keeping track of attendance
- Contacting those that are coming up for re-appointments
- We have had a lot of people calling and coming to meetings about interest in the Commission and some are in attendance this evening.

Adjourned