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Seattle Women's Commission
Monday, April 15, 2019, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.
Seattle City Hall 3rd Floor, Room 370
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Commissioners Present/Phone: Jamilah Williams, Idabelle Fosse, Tana Yasu, Diya Khanna, Darya Farivar, Priya Saxena, Keisha Jackson, Min Pease, Erica Soelling (on phone), Zoe True, Diana Im, Rhonda Carter (on phone), Rokea Jones (on phone), and Xochitl Maykovich (on Phone)

Commissioners Absent/Leave/Excused: Vivian Lee, Angela Rae, Ruchika Tulshyan and

Guests Sign-In, Anna Nolan, Sophia Lee and Abriel Johnny

Welcome

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

Public comment

No public comment

Announcements

Attend the Denim Day event on April 24, 2019, 5:30p, Bertha Knight Landes Room

Approval of Minutes

Commissioners unanimously approve March Minutes

Co-Chair Nominations

- Idabelle discusses the process for nominating new co-chairs and Commissioners ask questions.

The following are nominated:

- Xochitl nominates Min
- Idabelle nominates Darya
- Darya nominates Jamilah

Voting will take place at the next Commission meeting on May 20, 2019.

Subcommittees and Budgets

- Priya asks for 2019 budget requests
- Subcommittees will need more time
- Budgets will be tabled to next month's meeting.
- Subcommittees are asked to come with their budgets and how they intend to spend the requested funds

Jeannette Williams Award

- Keisha discusses her budget items and will have a more accurate picture at next month's meeting
- They intend to have a number of artists @\$75 per person and budget \$100 for the award. Information about security, food, and other things are forthcoming.

Denim Day

- Idabelle announces that the Denim Day event report will be discussed in their subcommittee report

SAAM Proclamation

- Idabelle shares the disturbing incident that occurred at the City Council Meeting and the concern on how things were handled while they presented the SAAM Proclamation at City Hall.
- Things were not handled well by the President of the City Council, who lead the meeting. A letter has been sent to the City Council President to have new policy put in place regarding the incident around threats of sexual violence that is never acceptable. Idabelle will send it to the Commission and notes that they have not heard back from CM Harrell's Office yet.
- Commissioners discuss putting out a public statement around this issue. The comments made by the person who made his comments were directed with threats of hate, threats of sexual violence, and attacking three women of color.
- Commissioner Xochitl said that she would like to do an op ed and put it in local papers and Darya makes a motion to have the letter that was sent to CM President, made public was seconded by Zoe. Darya asks that the Commission wait 3 business days from today to send out the letter, (Wednesday morning); Xochitl will do a press release and Tana said she will do an op ed. Commissioners unanimously approve the motion.

Subcommittee Reports:

Community Health and Wellness – Zoe reports on:

- Met with professors and students to read a case report on firearms control and how they record their information. It will take until fall to complete the 10-week program.
- Rokea shares that they want to do an event in August and have it off-site and collaborate with the Library who has a very limited budget, wants to collaborate on this

event with the Commission that will address maternal health during National Breastfeeding month. They want an intimate space for the event and looking at having it the first week in August.

Economic and Educational Opportunities – Rhonda

- The Committee has not met in a while but will revisit their work plan and get the budget piece together for next month's meeting.

Equitable Development -Jamilah reports on:

- Working with Transit Riders Union on an event
- Fair enforcement program letter was sent
- SWC signed on to the letter and attended the board meeting on the 25th to speak to the UW to provide U passes to their employees (not everyone gets them)
- SWC to co-host event that will be focused on Transit Riders Union and sign on with other signer's - labor unions are UW churches, environmental groups, and nurses.
- Zoe makes motion to sign on to the two letters and seconded by Darya. Rhonda abstained and motion to sign on to the letters passes.

Violence Prevention and Justice – Darya and Idabelle report on

- Denim Day was a great success. T-shirts were distributed and put up in the afternoon of April 23rd for the evening event. Many organizations participated. Four red t-shirts were made in remembrance of the missing and murdered Indigenous Women. There were four speakers, CM Lisa Herbold, CM Lorena Gonzales, and a couple of organizations spoke.
- Several Commissioners attended the event and volunteered.

SOCR Report – Marta discusses

- Commissions Work Plan Presentations to CM Lisa Herbold's Committee on April 23, 2019 at 9:30a

Adjourned