



City of Seattle

Jenny Durkan, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

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Monday, May 20, 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/Phone:

Idabelle Fosse, Tana Yasu, Ruchika Tulshyan, Zoe True, Diana Im, Rhonda Carter, (on phone), Xochitl Maykovich (on Phone), Darya Farivar, (on phone), Vivian Lee, (on the phone), Min Pease, (on the phone)

Commissioners Absent/Leave/Excused: Jamilah Williams, Diya Khanna, Priya Saxena, Keisha Jackson, Erica Soelling, and Rokea Jones

Guests Sign-In:

Mary-Kylie Cranford, Emily Billow, Sophia Lee, Chelsea Scott, Tai Daniels, Natiffany Mathews, Katelyn Newell and Amy Davis

Welcome

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

Public comment

Two groups came to discuss the same issue on Roller Derby. Amy Davis speaks on behalf of PFT Roller Derby and Tai Daniels speaks from the Rainier Roller Girls

Announcements

No announcements

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Diana and seconded by Ruchika to approve Minutes. Commissioners unanimously approve April Minutes

Discussion and vote for approval of the LGBTQ Commission Letter

- Commissioners vote to sign on to the LGBTQ Commission's letter. Motion made and seconded and Commissioners officially sign on to the LGBTQ Commission's letter. Motion passed.

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Guest Speaker: Chief Carmen Best

Moves on until Chief Best is here 6:10p

Vote on New Co-Chairs

Nominees are

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

- Motion is made by Ruchika to move Min, Darya and Jamilah forward as the new Co-Chairs of the Commission, seconded by Zoe. Motion passes. Ruchika notes that they plan to have a celebration to welcome our new Co-Chairs and those departing.

Recruitment and Interviews

- Commissioners discuss recruitment and interviews and the process will be starting soon.
- Marta will be sending out the roster, applications and noting those that are up for re-appointment.

(Chief Carmen Best comes in from a previous meeting and share the following information and Q&A:

- Speaks to the Commission and answers their questions about issues that are happening in the community and some of the programs that the Police Department is doing in the community.
- She mentions their mentorship program in the South-end of Seattle, talks about programs to encourage women and girls to pursue,
- Crisis intervention training for police officers
- Use of meth in Seattle has outpaced the Opioid crisis
- Women and women of color involved in issues that affect them
- Police department is hiring. In 2018 45% were people of color, and 22 percent were women of color.
- A Commissioner asks her questions and about what they are doing for women and child services
- Get women and girls involved in untraditional trades.
- The Police Department mentors 50 students in the south end in the middle school classes 6, 7 and 8. Many of these students are black males.
- Another question from a Commissioner is about how she supports women, black women, and communities of color and what are you doing for these groups? She indicates that she is conscious of the issues and seeks to build trust with this community and all communities. Officers engage in the community outside of issuing a ticket and arresting people, etc.

- Immigrant Family Institute where they spend 8-10 weeks getting to know the immigrant families in the community. They talk about issues, play games and try to gain meaningful relationships.
- The Police department wants to build relationships with all communities.

Jeanette Williams Award

- Jeanette Williams Award: Keisha was not present, 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
 - Artists at \$75
 - Award \$100
 - Food, to be determined with other costs
 - It was requested that the nomination form be re-send out and that Commissioners spread the word out to their contacts and organizations. Nominations close on August 2, 2019.

Subcommittee Reports:

Violence Prevention and Justice – Darya and Idabelle report on

- Darya back in the US
- Angela Rae resigned from the Commission
- Tana and Idabelle talk about the success of Denim Day
- Ruchika asks if the ADWAS group can come and present at a meeting and Idabelle will reach out to ADWAS Abused and Deaf Women Advocacy Services and invite them to a meeting.
- Darya notes that there was feedback about Bertha Knight Landes room not being accessible.

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 Jamilah noticed that signs say City of Seattle that provides them.
- Discussion about the DV report with King County and how UW researchers will organize the research and there are some key laws that makes more sense for them to work with them on during the 10-week process that now is about a year out.
- It was mentioned that Rokea has the idea of telling stories about loss, maternal mortality, other losses that are not death related at the planned Maternal event in August. Seattle Public Library is a partner and it is scheduled to be at the

Collabortium. The Riveter is brought up which is a female focused organization. Zoe will let the group know that Ruchika said she could get the space for them at no charge.

- They are discussing food options
- They are developing a FAQ and Save the Date will be coming out about the Maternal event in August in the first or second week.
- Ruchika makes a motion to reach out to the Alabama Women's Commission to check in on that they are doing on reproductive rights. Motion is seconded and unanimously passes.
- Darya makes a recommendation that the Commission does an op ed on anti -abortion issues to make the public aware of these issues.

Economic and Educational Opportunities – Rhonda

- No updates. Will get back on track with meetings and working on the following:
- Meetings with city attorneys
- Inviting immigration groups to our meeting

Equitable Development - Darya and Diana share their work on the committee and report on the following:

- Governor signs the Eviction Legislation SB 5395 and it is effective in July.
- They will be working with SDCI
- Imagine Greater Downtown Seattle proposal to provide more open space for families. They made a presentation and we supported their efforts and we need to get an update from them, and if there are other things happening that we can support around women and girls' issues. We will know more when we find out about how the presentation went.

SOCR Report – Marta discusses

- Mariko is the new Director of OCR
- Oscar Cerda new Deputy Director and present at the meeting tonight
- SOCR Commission Event Checklist

Adjourned