

MEETING MINUTES
Seattle Women's Commission
Monday, August 19th 2024, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Website: <https://www.seattle.gov/womenscommission>

Link to join virtually:

<https://seattle.webex.com/seattle/j.php?MTID=ma9a7a90b955da855db3cf1a017ed42b2>

Facilitators K. Guerrero

Note taker & Land/Labor Acknowledgment: H. Glover

Attendance: M Rivera, R Bryant, S Liu, E Barr, H Glover, W. Nakamura, J. Tran, and A. Rodriguez.

Guests: Jenna Udren Northwest Abortion Access Fund

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LeLk0_7I5dE4IO56C7ngyng-gU7CUM5Rq3fWpx7xNZE/edit?usp=sharing

Time	Topic	Lead
5:30	<p>Welcome to SWC Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Land/ Labor Acknowledgment:</p> <p>We are currently occupying the unceded lands of many First Peoples; Coast Salish people, Muckleshoot, Suquamish, Stillaguamish, and Duwamish. We acknowledge and thank local First Nations for their centuries of land stewardship that long predates the arrival of European settlers. We remind you to be aware of the spaces you occupy locally, that these lands were stolen from First People in the name of white settler colonialism and that you seek ways to continue your education and give back to local Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Duwamish Tribe's website</p> <p>***</p> <p>"We must acknowledge that much of what we know of this country today, including its culture, economic growth, and development throughout history and across time, has been made possible by the labor of enslaved Africans and their descendants who suffered the horror of the transatlantic trafficking of their people, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow. We are indebted to their labor and their sacrifice, and we must acknowledge the tremors of that violence throughout the generations and the resulting impact that can still be felt and witnessed today."</p> <p>Dr. Terah "TJ" Stewart)</p>	K. Guerrero

	Introductions/ Roll Call Approve minutes for July meeting Motioned: Krystal Seconded Whitney Approve Agenda for August meeting Motioned: Krystal Seconded Whitney	
5:45	Public Comment Tana Yasu-Public comment on domestic violence awareness month. She asked about how the SWC would collaborate with the domestic violence commission Emi Koyama Brought attention to SOAP laws. Expressed concern about the policy and how it would hurt sex workers and people in the sex trade. Advocated for public involvement to not enact this law. Krystal shared the information Emi sent her to the rest of the council.	-
5:50	Reproductive Health - NWAAF Guest Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Northwest Abortion Access Fund serves Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. • There is no eligibility for this program. They assist with funding for abortion care, either in person or increasingly through telemedicine. They additionally offer practical support such as: transportation, lodgings, childcare, cash assistance, food, and more • The group is founded on the principle of Reproductive Justice, an idea developed by an organization that became known as Sister Song. • Volunteers staff their toll free helpline. • NWAAF is currently suing the state of Idaho • Common themes for why individuals are seeking support from NWAAF are housing insecurity, houselessness, domestic violence, and youth (under 18) • Funding needs keep growing as the procedures get more expensive. People are finding out they are pregnant later, which causes the need for more complex medical procedures and the need to fly people into Washington State. • Ways they recommend to support is funding, spreading the word, connecting pregnant people with medicaid, 	R. Bryant

	supporting inclusive gender expansive reproductive justice efforts.	
6:20	Co-Chair Updates Work plan presentation was directly to SOCR. More information was shared about the SWC and our capacity to partner and promote mutual goals. Meeting with Councilmember Moore has been rescheduled. The new date will be sometime in October.	S. Liu
6:30	Co-Chair Elections Krystal and Emily were elected co chairs with a unanimous vote.	S. Liu
6:40	Break	
6:45	Subcommittee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reproductive Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jennifer is the new subcommittee co chair • Gender-Based Violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ New DVPC representative request ◦ Letter from public comment shared. ◦ SOAP laws fit into the work of this subcommittee and they will see how they can be involved with this effort • Housing Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ No major updates. It is still a subcommittee of one with Sarah's departure. Emily expressed a desire for new members • Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ A chair is still needed and a request was put in for the instagram takeover. Key Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWC 2024-2025 Work Plan: SWC 2024 Focus Areas • SWC Work Plan Tracker: SWC Initiatives • 2024 Budget Spreadsheet: Budget 	-
7:15	Seattle Office of Civil Rights Updates/Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even with the budget shortfalls Mayor Harrell issued a press release on the organization to be picked to get more funding. 	M. Idowu

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta asked if the work plan has been completed for december • Krystal shared that it is still a draft but it is in a good place. When it is done the all the council work plans will be shared • The by-laws are formalized and there should be no further changes. • The meeting with the City Council should be taking place December 11th. • The five commission meeting will be this Wednesday-the 21st. • Training on Parliamentary proceedings will be shared with the council. • Mary Wase, came in at the end of the meeting to share further information on the SOAP law and why it is damaging to people in the sex trade. 	
7:30	Adjourned	