Minutes

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Boards and Commissions Room L-280

Commissioner Call-In Number 206-684-0451

Public Listen Line: 206-684-4718

Commissioners in attendance: Steve Lewis, Shaun Bickley, Matthew Kanter, Robert Canamar, Aaron Bunnell, ChrisTiana ObeySumner(by phone), Mike Barta, Patt Copeland and Conrad Reynoldson

Commissioners absent: Diane Laurine, Cindi Laws, Jonathan Porter and Jessica Williams

Guest: Meg Bartosovsky

**Call to Order**

Commission Co-Chair Steve calls the meeting to order

**Introductions**

Commissioners introduce themselves

**Public comment**

No public comment

**Minutes**

Minutes tabled

**Guest Speaker:** Debra Rhinehart, Strategic Advisor

 Human Services Department

Debra shares information about the 2017 City of Seattle &

Seattle Housing Authority Assessment of Fair Housing Draft

Report with the Commission. Shares a series of maps and does a

Power Point presentation.

Q&A

Deborah Witmer, Seattle Human Services Department,

 Emergency Management Division

Deborah shares information about what she is doing around

emergency management in her division. She is developing a

graphics communication card around her work and shares

upcoming event that she will be working with and community hubs

that are not run by the city. They plan to do an emergency

management drill on April 29, 2017 and will be looking at getting

people from the disability community to help the drill.

**SOCR Report**  No report

**Closed Captioning**

A request was made from the community to have closed captioning at restaurants and public places on screens so that people from the deaf community could have access to the same privileges shared by non-deaf people.

Tabled to next meeting

Letter Opposing ACA

Commission voted unanimously to send a letter opposing the repeal and replace ACA.

Parks Board Volunteer position

Commissioners voted unanimously that Patt Copeland would continue to represent the Commission on the Parks Board

Work on 2017 Work Plan

Commissioners discuss their workplan and the parts that everyone needs to pull together and get to Marta

July 26, 2017 Event at City Hall, Bertha Knight Landes Room

Shaun gives an update on the event scheduled in July for the ADA.

Commission discussion about meetings

Commissioners had a lengthy discussion about holding back on having so many speakers at the meetings that they can’t work on their work plan items or work related to the Commission.

Commissioners voted unanimously to work for the next several months on the work of the Commission and hold off on guests.

New Business

Robert Canamar gives an update on the Financial Inclusion Speakers Bureau.

Robert noted that he and Cindi are working on the Seatac Customer Accessibility Board.

Robert also discussed the Special Olympics slated for 2018 and that the Commission should be involved in this

Robert also talked about the Resident Action Project that he is a part of in relationship to housing and work with the WA Low Income Housing Alliance.

Robert discussed that it is coming up on his last days on the Commission and wanted to make sure that the Commission stays involved.

Matt discussed updated the website and working with Marta and he will be working with Marta to get it updated.

**Committee Reports**

Each Committee chair gave an update on the work that their committees are doing

**Next Commission meeting**

April 20, 2017

**Next 5-Commission Meeting**

Next 5-Commission Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 5:30-7:30p, Seattle Office for Civil Rights, 810 Third Avenue, Suite 750.

Chemical Sensitivity Awareness

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