Minutes

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Thursday, April 20, 2017, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Boards and Commissions Room L-280

Commissioner Call-In Number 1-844-386-1200

Conference ID: 283594

Commissioners in attendance: Steve Lewis, Shaun Bickley, Matthew Kanter, Robert Canamar, Aaron Bunnell, Patt Copeland, Conrad Reynoldson,(by phone) Cindi Laws, Diane Laurine, Jessica Williams, ChrisTiana ObeySumner (by phone) and Kevin Eggers

Commissioners absent: Jonathan Porter and Mike Barta

**Call to Order**

Commission Co-Chair Steve calls the meeting to order

**Introductions**

Commissioners introduce themselves

**Public comment**

No public comment

**Minutes**

Minutes for March approved

**SOCR Report**  No report

Work on 2017 Work Plan

**Committee Reports**

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

Shaun shared that he would like to change the title of the committee from Public Safety to Police Relations. Robert suggested that you table this to another meeting and wait until the new Commissioners come on board.

Shaun also shares his report regarding the employment electronically by developing Group Me and set up a Google Drive.

Shaun would like to have someone come and speak on the topic of sheltered work at the May meeting.

Matthew shares information about his work on the Operations Committee to have the Commission bios and pictures on the website and he will also set up a Google Drive for the Commission.

**July 26, 2017 event**

Shaun gives an update about the first meeting of the planning committee. Shares the draft program and asks for Commissioners to give any recommendations on program or people to be on the panel.

**Vote for new Co-Chair**

Cindi Laws and ChrisTiana ObeySumner were nominated as Co-Chair.

Commissioners vote in Cindi Laws as the new Co-Chair.

**Commission Appointments and Open Seats**

**New Business**

Commissioners welcome the new Commissioner Candidates to the Commission meeting

Commissioners have a discussion about the 5 additional seats that may be coming down the pike and vote unanimously to be intentional about recruiting people with disabilities that are blind, deaf and people of color.

Cindi gives an update about the Airport Accessibility work and that it going well and changes are occurring with signage and new laws around accessibility at the Airport.

ChrisTiana, co-chair of the Housing Committee gives an update on the Housing Committee’s work and that she is setting up an appointment to work with Brenda on some housing issues and that anyone that is interested in working on the Committee are welcome to attend their first meeting that will be held at the library on 23rd in the Central District on May 20th. She will send out the location and time when it has been determined.

**Seattle Parks District Council**

Patt shares that she has been working on this Board as a liaison to the Commission and wishes to continue if the Commission is ok with it or will be happy to let someone else take it on if they are interested.

Commissioners unanimously vote to continue to have Patt represent the Commission on the Seattle Parks District Council Board.

**Outgoing Commissioners**

Commissioners say goodbye to Patt Copeland, Robert Canamar, Jonathan Porter and Mike Barta. Patt and Robert say a few words and wish the Commission well.

**Next Commission meeting**

May 17, 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.

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