



City of Seattle

Edward Murray, Mayor

Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

Minutes

Seattle Commission for People with disabilities

Thursday, July 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: Shaun Bickley, Aaron Bunnell, Sarah Rothman, ChrisTiana ObeySumner, Conrad Reynoldson, Diane Laurine, Jayson Morris, Diana Chaikin, Kevin Eggers and Jessica Williams

Commissioners absent: Cindi Laws

Commissioner Candidates: Meg Bartosovsky and Dorian Taylor

Call to Order

Commission Co-Chair Steve Lewis calls the meeting to order

Introductions

Commissioners introduce themselves

Public comment

No public comment

Minutes

Minutes for June tabled

Guest Speaker: Karla Lynch, Employment Access Program Manager

SOCR Report Marta reported that on Fair Chance Housing and Commission Expansion and whether the Commission wanted to write a letter in support and/or testify at the public meeting. Jayson and Sarah indicated that they would be at the meeting and could speak during the public comment. They will hold off on the letter to discuss with Cindi who was not able to be at the meeting.

Bylaws

Commissioners are asked to review and become familiar with the bylaws and discuss attendance and the importance of being at the meetings to help do the work of the Commission. An attendance chart is going to be developed to keep track of Commissioners' attendance.

Progressive Income Tax

Shaun discusses this issue with Commissioners and they discuss the ways in which progressive income tax could affect people with disabilities. They look at this as being part

of ChrisTiana's Housing Committee and that they can look into housing issues from that Committee.

Update on Subminimum Wage Effort

Shaun gives an update on the subminimum wage issue and announces that the battle has been won and it will be transitioned out by Executive Order and working with Dylan Orr and David Mendoza. They will announce the rules change next week and will not issue any new certificates. No more will be given out. A timeline will be announced next week. Subminimum wage will be illegal and people with a disability and work will be entitled to a living wage.

Request to eliminate public records fees for victims of crimes, especially DV or assault.

Meg shares some information with the Commission about working with Debra Pelich to be able to get free access to download documents associated with DV and feels that it is discriminatory. She will have more information to share next month. She would like to write a letter to the City Council on this issue and work with Shaun on it. Meg will draft a letter and also seek assistance from Debra Pelich.

Committee Reports

Aaron Meg and Matt are members of this committee. Matt has resigned from the Commission and they want to strategize a plan and work with the co-chairs to help make their job easier. Since Matt has stepped down from the Commission they need a chair for their committee and

Jayson has expressed an interested in being the chair of Operations. There will be further discussions on a plan after the committee meets to strategize.

They plan to set up appointments with the Mayor and City Council, set up an email using mail chip, set up a database and do updates for the Commission and develop a shared calendar. They also want to develop a legacy document highlighting all former Commissioners so there is a history of them.

Diana shares a few move things that were discussed about the bylaws (she came in a little late for the discussion earlier). They will be reviewing the bylaws and looking at revising some of the sections and sharing it with the Commission and taking a vote. More information to share as they develop a plan.

Shaun discusses the drug crisis and police brutality issues and the Commissioners have a discussion and determine that they would like to Chief of Police Kathleen O'Toole attend their meeting in August to address these and other issues with the Commission.

Action Item: Shaun makes a motion and it is seconded. Commissioners vote unanimously to have Chief O'Toole at their August meeting.

Shaun shares that he went by the Northwest Center and they had reduced folks down to 8 and these would be transitioned out by 2019. He shared that for janitors, they have job coach, 4 are supervised and make \$960 and most of the jobs range was \$11.00 an hour.

Announcements

Next Commission meeting

August 17, 2017

Next 5-Commission Meeting

Next 5-Commission Meeting: Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 5:30-7:30p, Seattle Office for Civil Rights, 810 Third Avenue, Suite 750.

Chemical Sensitivity Awareness

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Shampoo	
Cologne/After Shave	Scented Fabric Softener
Scented Hand Lotion	Highly Scented Hair
Products	

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