

June 17th, 2021 - 4pm-6pm

Seattle Disability Commission Minutes

Commission Members Present Via Zoom: Anquida Adams, Hannah Wilson, Kristina Sawyckyj, Kaitlin Skilton, Heyiwot Amare, April Snow, Dawn Dailey, Christine Lew, Taylor Woods

Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Staff: Janet Stafford, Helen G.

Excused Absences:

Absences: Jessica Williams-Hall, Khazm Kogita

Closed Captioning: Eileen Horst

Guests: Deepa Sivarajan -- No New Washington Prisons (NNWP)

Call to Order: 4:12 p.m., June 17, 2021

Welcome

Hannah and Anquida welcomed all, expressed excitement to have new commissioners on board and to get to know each other.

Meeting Norms

Norms Read and Reviewed

Welcome New Commissioners

Hopes and Dreams Breakout and Summary

Co-chairs shared a summary from their breakout room (see attached notes).

Bylaws

Sharing bylaws via email to give folks a chance to digest and then go over at retreat.

Co-Chair Update

Hannah and Anquida spoke about the priorities for the summer: hold retreat and plan out the October 21, 2021 Jubilee. Retreat will include going over annual plan, team building, and planning the Jubilee.

Information about Jubilee:

WHEN: October 21st at Washington Hall.

WHY: Purpose is to celebrate leaders in the community from different organizations, network, share space, and have an opportunity to recruit.

HOW: we will plan this!

Ask for Commissioners to email the following to the co-chairs:

- 1) Offer consistent day for monthly check with co-chair
- 2) Submit mentorship requests if interested and include what your interest area is for mentorship

3) Send months possible for leadership training, August or September

Co-chairs are available to be reached by commissioners, Anquida on Tuesday and Thursdays with 24hr notice, Hannah is more available on Wednesday - Friday.

OCR Updates

Janet will give folks on-boarding commission documents and follow up with additional training.

Commissioners, please respond to the email about Commission website with bios and photos (can opt into photo sharing).

There will be a new Request For Proposal (RFP) for Budget Planning which is a participatory process. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) leads this process. It

is not distributing funds, rather the focus is to receive information and develop the budget going forward. Janet will follow up with a link.

There was a discussion about how the city is operating hotel-based shelters which are not American Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible. People can file a complaint with OCR. Additionally, there is communication with the ADA coordinator and commission member to come to commission meeting or a task force meeting in future.

Time 5:35-5:45 Co-Chairs and Commissioners

Decide Retreat Dates

Co-chairs will send out survey, please
Commissioners fill out survey asap so we can decide
on dates.

Time 5:45-5:55

Hannah

Vote on Letter Signing

Deepa shared information about the work of No New Washington Prisons. The Commission discussed whether to sign a letter opposing the funding of expansion of forensic beds in the Western State Hospital in Lakewood. The decision was made to gather more information and delay vote until a future meeting. See emailed letter for reference.

Time 5:55-6:00

Co-Chairs

Closing Comments & Adjournment