

October 21, 2021 - 4pm-6pm
Seattle Disability Commission Minutes

Commissioners present: Anquida Adams, Kaitlin Skilton, April Snow, Heyiwot Amare, Dawn Dailey, Kristina Sawyckyj

Commissioners Absent: Christine Lew, Taylor Wood, Jessica Williams-Hall, Khazm Kogita

OCR Staff: Janet Stafford, Meredith Stone

Guests: Lachen Chernyha, Helen Gebreamlak

Captioner: Anna Harding

Topic

- Call to Order Co-chair
- Roll Call / Commissioner Introductions
/Announcements

- Welcome OCR staff
- Meeting Norms

Facilitator

Wheelchair Accessibility (for hire) Initiative

Presentation: Lachen Chernyha

Shared information about the Wheelchair Accessible for hire Vehicle's (WAV) initiative that is working to improve and enhance wheelchair accessible taxis. To learn more about WAV outreach and the central dispatch project, contact Lachen Chernyha at lachen.chernyha@seattle.gov.

Call to Order 4:20

Co-Chair Update

Office Civil Rights updates

Nominated someone for Get Engaged Commissioner (YMCA), they will intern for one year. Will be appointed once paperwork is done.

Reminder monthly meetings are mandatory.

Reminder we have to use 2021 budget before years end.

Co-Chair ELECTION

- Vote on interim co-chair (now to Dec)
April self-nominated, commission voted in April as co-chair.
Heyiwot moved, Kaitlin seconded.
Yes 6; No 0; Abstained 0.
- Reminder Nominations open for 2022 (election at Jan Meeting)

Jubilee Decision Event or Spotlight

Commission voted on whether to change from doing an event to virtually spotlighting awardees on all social media, and giving award and special Jubilee box.

Anquida moved, April seconded.

Yes 5; No 1; Abstained 0.

Jubilee Committee Next Steps

- Outreach plan - April, Anquida
 - Will connect to organizations to promote
- Nominations - Anquida, April (all commissioners will promote nominating and making nominations)
 - OCR has to put out survey for nominations
- November Awardee Decision

Jubilee expenses and proposed budget

2021 Budget = \$2,000	
Social Media Outreach	\$300
Branding	\$700
Jubilee boxes (5 awardees)	\$175
<u>Food for retreat</u>	<u>\$375</u>
Total:	\$1550

Heyiwot moved the proposed budget, Kaitlin seconded.

Yes All; No 0; Abstained 0.

Calendar Decisions

- Postpone December 16th Commission
 - Anquida moved to postpone December 16th Commission Meeting, Heyiwot seconded.
 - Yes All; No 0; Abstained 0.
- Proposed retreat dates
 - December 8th, 5-8pm

- To make retreat engaging there will be survey and/or phone calls before the retreat.
- TBD January Retreat - have instead of commission meeting or in addition to
 - Decision about January retreat date will be pushed to November meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- August 2021 Minutes
- February 2021 Minutes
- Summarize 2021 record of meetings and minutes

Redact (un-approve July) Minutes and Address Notes

Kaitlin moved to approve February minutes; Dawn seconded.

Yes 2; No 0; Abstained 3.

Kaitlin moved to redact July minutes, Heyiwot seconded.

Yes All; No 0; Abstained 0. They will now be July notes.

Heyiwot moved to approve August minutes, April seconded.

Yes All; No 0; Abstained 0.

City of Seattle Policy Overview Presentation/ Helen Gebreamlak

Presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

Closing Comments & Adjournment

April reminded Commissioner to help promote recruiting new Commissioners.

Kaitlin shared that Safeway and Seattle YMCA are looking to highlight employment opportunities for folks with disabilities.