

# **Seattle Disability Commission Minutes**

**April 17th, 2025 - 4pm-6pm**

**Commissioners Present:** Co-Chair Shelby Dey, Co-Chair Jessica Lo, JJ Jensen and Bianca Gallegos

**Commissioners absent:** Jackie Peguero (excused) and Kaitlin Skilton

OCR Staff present: Janet Stafford and Meredith Stone  
Guest: Kari Berger, Michael, SCL Guest speakers

**“We believe in a world where disability is celebrated as an integral part of human diversity, inclusivity, and equity.”**

Stanford Medicine Alliance for Disability Inclusion and Equity (SMADIE)

## **4:05 Call to Order**

## **Co-chairs**

- Interaction Agreements shared
- Universal Design

- CART, 22 size font, describe appearance, state your name before you speak, etc.
- Roll call/Commissioner introductions
- Welcome the public,

#### **4:20-4:45 Welcome OCR Staff & Updates                      OCR**

- **Meredith / Janet Review the Resource Page**
  - Commissioner resource guide  
<https://sites.google.com/view/socr-advisory-commissions>
  - You can find handbook, disability page, a calendar of events. This as a google site seems to be most accessible of all the other choices.
- **Pride Flag Raising (May TBD):** Fri May 30<sup>th</sup>  
tentative scheduled, end of day
- **Recruitment Updates:**
  - Interviewing for commission, we have rolling schedule for new commissioners. Invite commissioners to join.

**4:45 – 5:05 Seattle City Light, Angela Rae (Equity Advisor) Dylan King (Seattle City Light), Grecia Eleners (Seattle City Light)**

Presentation: Community Conversations: Planning for our Clean Energy Future. How do you use electricity/how is your life impacted by no electricity. Access to internet, loose refrigerated food, lack of charging wheel chairs, diabetes and insulin.

Just Transition: focus on planet & People impacted by harmful energy. Everyone equitably benefits, reciprocal efforts.

Center goals and plan around people with disabilities, as those most vulnerable.

**5:05 – 5:45 Co-chair Updates**

- **May - AAPI Heritage Celebration**
- **June Meeting** (Juneteenth is City holiday)
  - Discuss a late June in person summertime formal or informal SDC meeting.

- ☐ Propose a meet and greet while Celebrating 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ADA Act. Social outdoor event. Light snacks. Invite other commissions & commissioners, ADA Coordinators
- ☐ Tentative Date: Thursday June 26, 2025 from 4 – 6 pm at City Hall or Green Lake
- ☐ Snacks: no budget can be used for 2 hour meeting- only for events
- ☐ Potluck: bags of chips, water, sodas, salsa
- Other Invitations: Celebrate 35 years of ADA
  - ☐ Invitations for speakers: Holly, Autumn, Glen, other ADA coordinators.
  - ☐ Invite community among those with disabilities: hear their voices heard
  - ☐ Invite other commissions?
- Items to consider: To make an official meeting, we need an agenda and to publicize. Commission can only miss one meeting per year. Consider

accommodations for cart and accessibility to location.

- Committee to further explore ideas: Bianca and Shelby will work out a proposal to vote on in May Commission Meeting.

### **Wheelchair Charging station celebration**

**event** – Holly has suggested SDC hold event on 7/26 for a combined 35<sup>th</sup> ADA anniversary and celebrate SDC wheelchair station work

Commission will need more time to discuss due to capacity

- **Special Announcement**

- Co-chair Jessico Lo, resigning from Commission
- JJ and Bianca interested and willing to explore what does it mean and what are the logistics are of being co-chairs.
- Add to the May agenda, nominations and a vote – two co-chair positions open.
- Shelby's interim position ends in May

## **5:45 Review our “do it now” timeline events**

- Look ahead on the calendar of event
  - Who will take the lead, who will go, who will support?

## **Google Drive Next Steps**

Who is interested in creating the drive? (1-2 Commissioners) – Bianca interested and will work with Janet to find prior SDC gmail account info

## **Updates**

- Parking at Lincoln Park update- circle back with Kaitlin for any follow up
- FIFA - check-in with JJ & Bianca for next months agenda

## **5:50 – 5:55 Approve Minutes & Notes**

- *Unanimous Vote to approve March 2025 minutes*

## **5:55-6:00 Closing Comments & Adjournment**

- Next meeting will be May 22