



## **Seattle Disability Commission Minutes** **August 21, 2025 - 4pm-6pm**

The meeting was hosted online on Zoom and in person at City Hall, located on 600 4th Ave Room 370, Seattle, WA 98104.

### **Attendance:**

- **Commissioners Present:** Co-Chair JJ Jensen, Co-Chair Bianca Gallegos, Scot Nelson Shelby Dey (left early - Quorum lost)
- **Absent:** Samiya Nasim, Kaitlin Skilton,
- **Nominated commissioners present:** Sawyer Stearns, Zachary Dar, Linda Finkle, and Charlie Nguyen (Get Engage)
- **Nominated commissioners absent:** Sawyer Stearns, Julia Thompson
- **Quorum met at beginning of meeting, lost towards end of meeting**

### **Call to Order**

- **Interaction Agreement & Universal Design**
- **Welcome members & introduce new commissioners:** Zachary, Linda, & Charlie Nguyen
- **OCR Intros**
- **Public Comment** - two individuals joined meeting and did not share comments

### **Civil Rights Enforcement Presentation, Mike Chin**

Ensure equitable access in employment, housing, public places, and contracting by enforcing the City's antidiscrimination and civil rights protections.

- Outreach and Community Engagement, Investigations, Code Compliance and Testing, Title VI Program
- What is discrimination and what are Protected classes
- Questions or to file a complaint: [discrimination@seattle.gov](mailto:discrimination@seattle.gov)

### **Co-chair Updates**

- FIFA Response & next steps
  - Invite FIFA representatives to Sept/Oct SDC meetings
- August 5-chair meeting Recap
  - Staff are working on creating an annual report for OCR commissions. Seeking reps from each commission; Bianca accepted
  - All SOCR Commission Gathering, Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-2:00pm. Objectives include: Community Building,
  - Explore Cross-Commission Work Plan Alignment, Share 2026 Priorities and Possibilities in preparation for individual commission retreat planning
- Cross-Commission Collaboration work: Comprehensive plan lead by SWX, Tabling at Live Aloha Sept 7, Human Rights Day Dec 6
- Looking ahead to October
  - Mental Health Awareness – reach out to Guest speakers
  - National Disability Employment Awareness Month

## **CART Break**

## **OCR Updates**

- Interview Updates – Bianca and Janet have conducted interviews and have invited applicants to join SDC monthly meetings as part of process
- Digital Accessibility Compliance - To comply with a Mayoral mandate, we are making all documents available on our website compliant to Digital Accessibility requirements. This includes commission Agendas, Minutes, Workplans and any other attachments.
- Board and Commissions Civic Engagement Recognition Awards – nominations due Sept 30<sup>th</sup> (email sent on 8/7)

## **Community Guest, regarding Lumen Field Accessibility**

No show.

## **Outreach & Community Updates**

- [12th Annual Resource Expo](#) - September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1-5pm, Tukwila Comm Center, Tabling opportunity; flyers/swag will be provided
  - Sawyer, Scot, Zachary and Bianca volunteer for tabling
  - Janet to follow up with details to volunteers
- Miller Play Field Area update
- Disability Empowerment Center – Received response from DEC. Is the commission interested in collecting Community stories and what does that look like?
  - Ideas: table this work for the retreat, include stories on sports and recreation

**Note: Shelby lost connection- quorum lost.**

### **Social Media Strategy**

Gathering input on SDC socials, what other platforms can we create to be more visible, who want to work with Scot. Zach is interested and Janet to connect Zach and Scot

### **End of Year Retreat**

Save the date: Nov 20 from 4-8pm, virtual.

Time will be allocated to September and October meetings for commissioners to weigh in.

### **Approve Minutes**

Quorum was lost so July minutes were tabled for vote and discussion at Sept meeting.

### **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

- Reminder: Waterfront Park Accessibility Tour Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – RSVP sent on 8/4- [Grand Opening Day celebration](#)
- Janet will forward invitation to newly nominated commissioners; Zach and Linda interested in participating
- Next meeting will be September 18, 2025