July 20, 2023 - 4pm-6pm

Seattle Disability Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in attendance: Shelby Dey, Kristina Sawyckyj, Kaitlin Skilton, Taylor Woods, & Jessica Lo **(quorum reached)**

Commissioners not in attendance: Silas James, Dawn Dailey

Nominated Commissioner in attendance: Michele Kauffman

Leave of Absence: Devon Breithart

Time 4:05-4:25

Topic

- Call to Order 4:12pm   Jessica

- Roll Call / Commissioner introductions   Jessica
    - *1 minute: Name, pronoun, and description*

- *Your comments on this Disability Justice Principle* 5- RECOGNIZING WHOLENESS People have inherent worth outside of commodity relations and capitalist notions of productivity. Each person is full of history and life experience.
- Welcome OCR staff (Janet present)
- Welcome Public
  Request members of public in attendance to introduce themselves (Name, pronoun, description, public comment)
  1. Michele Kauffman (commission candidate)
  2. Michelle, UW grad student, urban planning & disability studies
  3. Kathleen, UW Center of Accessible Technology

- Interaction Agreements   Jessica
- Universal Design   Jessica
  - CART, 22 size font, etc.

Co-Chair Updates

Janet from OCR reads Silas' emailed statement of resignation from the Commission (effective immediately) including his recommendation for Michelle Kauffman as new co-chair.

Janet reminds commission about bylaws and process re: new co-chair, Michele's confirmations is still pending and could encounter delay due to upcoming budget cycle. Shelby asks about a timeline, Janet estimates 1-3 months but will depend on a Council appointment date. Michele confirms her commitment to being a volunteer for the Commission during the confirmation process.

- Planning Committee   Jessica

Resolution on disability was discussed, re: asking that the history of disability be taught in schools.

Jessica says the Commission is not ready to vote on this issue. Opens the floor for comment, there was none.

Ongoing conversation with planning committee members about how to support in feedback on city plan. Tight timeline for comments, outside of SDC control.

- Resolution on Disability Month   Jessica
- Women's Commission   Shelby

Shelby attended the Seattle Women's Commission, noted the land/labor acknowledgement used and recommended adopting a similar statement for use at SDC meetings. Janet offered to circulate some sample acknowledgments for possible use. Shelby noted the housing committee talked about housing levy- want public to be educated about this issue. Very preliminary. A survey will be sent out to Commissioners by the SWC.

Committee updates

- Transportation   Jessica

Plan not released yet, so no comments now.

- Wheelchair charging stations: Janet, Shelby and Kristina are scheduled to view site at Seattle Armory on Aug 1 and discuss next steps.

  Seattle Public Library - Current changes to admin staff at SPL, this project will need to be raised to the new leads by CJ Glen and will report back in fall. Holly and Autumn have been helpful in providing contacts.

- Advocacy   Jessica
  No updates for this group due to Silas resignation. Michele Kaufman circulating a flyer for possible use in recruitment.

OCR Updates   Janet

- Get Engage update, YMCA and Mayor collaboration, 1 new candidate expected to start in September for 1 year term 2023 to 2024.

- Website updates (bios/pictures) submit updates to Janet/Tracy.
- 50th anniversary of Section 504, review of Holly's email asking about co-sponsoring the event. August 3rd planning session for this event, Janet will attend and invites other commissioners. Janet will take notes and report back to the commission. 504 is 1973 legislation guaranteeing rights to people with disabilities. Expected date for the event is Nov/Dec - not finalized yet.
- Staff updates, 2 interim summer youth, recruitment will be an area of focus, a recruitment survey has been sent out – please fill out

Recruitment for new members: What organizations are you involved in? Where can we do outreach? (Note minutes 6.15.23 brainstorm session)

Janet, comments about reaching out to others, Tracy has been leading this effort at OCR. Michele

made a flyer to invite people to get involved, is networking with other organizations. Jessica recommends further discussion after this meeting. Shelby suggests placing flyers at Starbucks and SPL.

Approval of Minutes

- June 2023 Minutes, motion was made by Taylor to approve the meeting minutes, second by Jessica, no discussion, no changes, Shelby calls for vote, minutes were approved by unanimous vote. **VOTE PASSED.**

Recap SDC work plan and Commission goals for 2023: How have we done? What do we hope to do?

Jessica reads some of the work plan. Shelby takes over reading. Kaitlin finishes reading the plan. Jessica highlights some lack of progress on linking to digital calendars. Jessica suggests more engagement with social media as communication strategy. Jessica highlights success at hybrid meetings and

inviting public comment. Kaitlin had discussed taking over social media and is willing to take the lead now. TEAMS has been a challenging platform to use, accessibility issues exist. Taylor finds TEAMS frustrating to use the way OCR has it set up with permissions etc. Janet says it was designed to hold commission documents, onboarding tab and communicate via chat.

UPCOMING WORK:

TRANSIT...Jessica highlights good progress from the transportation committee.

ADVANCE RSJI: Taylor raises the issue of commissioners being spread too thin- asks about focus and priorities. Jessica agrees that this is an issue. Janet and Jessica suggest creating a list of top priorities to focus on until additional volunteers are available. Janet also suggests an option of making the plan a 2-year plan at upcoming retreat.

Jessica suggests emailing out the work plan and having folks highlight things they want to focus on. MHQ offers to circulate a Microsoft Form to help

rank priorities. Jessica likes the forms idea but raises concern about accessibility. Jessica & Taylor agree to preview form to gage accessibility.

Closing Comments & Adjournment

5:50pm Jessica adjourns the meeting.