



City of Seattle



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2019 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280

600 4th Avenue, Seattle Washington

Commissioners Present: Katrina Sanford, Joseph Suttner, Jessi Murray, Michael Garrett, Sabel Roizen, Manuel Venegas, Wayne Rocque, and Latosha Correll

Commissioners Absent: Kari Lerum, Byram Simpson, and Deepa Sivarajan

SOCR Staff: Janet Stafford, Oscar Cerda

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Janet Stafford

Welcome and Introductions

Public Open Comment

1. No public open comment.

Approve September Agenda and August Minutes

1. Motion to approve September agenda with below edits. **Motion passes (100%)**
 - a. Delete item on Letter of Support for LGBTQ Seniors and homeless youth housing
 - b. Add item on SWC Domestic Violence Event after Police Accountability Forum
 - c. Add item on Retreat logistics after SWC Domestic Violence Event
2. Holding off on approving August minutes until next meeting.

Seattle Office of Civil Rights (SOCR) Report

1. SOCR report from Janet Stafford.
2. Get Engaged Packets are underway– will expect to see candidate the October meeting
3. Recruitment update – several applications have been received and next steps entail who will be on the interview panel and confirm dates for interviews

- a. Katrina to follow up with doodle pool with interview panel

Committee Reports

1. Joseph: Reached out to founder of the commission to interview prior commissioners for the 30TH Anniversary
2. Alphabet Alliance of Color (AAoC) update; nothing to report but will follow up
3. Budget Request for POC Survey
 - a. Latosha: Letter drafted to present to the commission for feedback
 - b. Letter to be updated and provided on shared edits – Google Drive
4. Motion to sign on to the letter supporting the request to incorporate \$20,000 in the City budget for a POC needs assessment survey. **Motion passes (100%)**
 - a. Follow up with SOCR on official form
5. Community Outreach – Locations for 4th Quarter meeting
 - a. Library free yet not available for November
 - b. Connect with West Seattle Senior Center for November possibly look into 1st quarter 2020
6. Ambassador program – what it looks like
 - a. Up to 2 organizations in alignment with the commission
 - b. More information next year

Cross Commission Candidate Forum

1. Update from Jessi on the September 30th Candidate Forum
 - a. The Human Rights Commission and Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities will sponsor
 - b. 11 candidates are confirmed for attendance
 - c. Sydney Brownstone has been requested to be moderator but have a backup if needed
 - d. Document drafted and sent to 5-chair commissions, need to incorporate intersectionality questions
 - e. Request made for Seattle Channel to film, back up with be Joseph
 - f. Still waiting to hear back from other commissions and confirmation on moderator

Co-sponsoring of Police Accountability Forum

1. Jessi on behalf of Byram: The same group of folks who put together the police accountability letter are hosting a candidate forum and are asking for co-sponsorship
 - a. No financial commitment just in name only and promotion on social media
 - b. The Seattle Women's Commission is another co-sponsor
2. Motion to co-sponsor candidate forum. **Motion passes (100%)**

Domestic Violence Event

1. Kari: The Seattle Women's Commission (SWC) is organizing a 2-day community resource fair for October's DV month and will highlight the impact of DV in marginalized communities. The SWC is seeking monetary sponsorship for refreshments
 - a. No anticipated number of participants
 - b. Suggested donations \$300
2. Motion to financially co-sponsor event for \$150 to cover refreshments. **Motion passes**

Retreat Location

1. Request made to coordinate retreat in the first 2-weeks of December
2. Jessi will follow up with an email to the commission for availability on Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st and Dec. 8th and choose between 9-3pm or 10-4pm
3. Location pending - commission will need to seek affordable space
 - a) Janet will check City Hall/OCR availability for a Saturday

Update on Hate Crimes Legislation

1. Mayor's Office want to hold the stakeholders legislation in October
2. Katrina: Encourage folks to email Council members to express their thoughts on the Hate Crimes legislation

Public Bathroom letter from Real Change

1. Letter to City Council to fund 5 mobile pit stops in 2020 budget
2. SHRC has signed on for support
3. Michael/Katrina want more information on where costs will go to before signing off
4. Other questions: Are mobile pits gender neutral? Who are they cleaned by?
5. Jessi will follow up with Real Change and bring more information for October meeting

Absence Policy

1. Commissioners have up to 4 absences in the calendar year before be removed/having to resign the commission
2. Co-chairs check in with commissioners after their 2nd absence
3. Consequences of not having commissioners attend monthly meeting is lack of quorum
4. There is no tracking of commissioners who attend all their sub-committee meetings but may not always make the monthly meeting
 - a. Can sub-committee attendance count in lieu of monthly commission absence?
 - b. Can absence policy be put on hold?
 - c. This transfers over to a retention issue/cause for removal
5. Policy to be discussed further at December retreat
 - a. Other recommendations: 5 absences instead of 4, provide more support to each other
 - b. Reach out to other commissions on their policies
6. Jessi: Will reach out to Chris on his upcoming resignation and placing on hold until the policy is discussed further

Announcements & Reminders:

1. Upcoming logistics Candidate forum meeting scheduled for September 28 at 11:30am at Victrola.

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