



City of Seattle



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2020 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Commissioners Present: Sabel Roizen, Manuel Venegas, Nate Higby, Annabelle Backman, Latosha Correll, Jessi Murray, Michael Garrett, Victor Loo, Kari Lerum, Chris Brown, Byram Simpson, Deaunte Damper

Commissioners Absent: Joseph Suttner, Deepa Sivarajan, Wayne Rocque, John Rodriguez, Brett Pepowski

SOCR Staff: Janet Stafford

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Chris Brown

Guests: Clara Duffy, Gay City

Welcome and Introductions

1. We are meeting virtually on Zoom because of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and guidelines around social distancing. We'll be recording our meetings to have available for the public.
2. Due to OPMA amendments by the governor, Commission related work is limited to COVID-19 relief. Commission cannot make budgetary decisions outside of COVID-19 relief.

Public Open Comment

1. No public comment.

Approve March Minutes and April Agenda

1. Approval of March minutes tabled to next month.
2. Motion to approve April agenda with below edits. **Motion passes (100%)**

Committee Reports

1. People of Color Stakeholders: report by Latosha
 - a. Committee has not met. Chairs to meet to schedule next committee meeting. Latosha attending the Alphabet Alliance of Color monthly meeting on 4/22 via Zoom.

- b. Update on Department of Human Services LGBTQ Workgroup: meetings postponed due to the COVID public health emergency
- 2. Commission Operations: report by Manuel
 - a. Committee has not met. Availability would be Thursdays and Fridays. Not 1st Thursdays since that is when the Seattle Human Rights Commission monthly meeting. Main focus is to comply with the emergency protocols on meetings that are “routine and necessary” due to the public health emergency.
- 3. Social Media: report by Kari and Chris
 - a. Idea for a virtual film festival that engages community in dialogue to highlight LGBTQIA++ art.
 - i. Films to include: the Seattle AIDS Memorial Pathway documentary, Translations Film Festival film *Trans Journey* a film about Commissioner Annabelle, UW Bothell film library
- 4. Community Engagement: report by Nate
 - a. Committee collaboration with Gay City and to include GenPride. GenPride to host online community resource listening sessions to address the needs of the elder community.
 - b. Update to Community and Political Assignment: Commissioners to assign their representatives needed

Community Update from Gay City by Clara Duffy, Community Resources Manager

- 1. Project for community panels on resiliency and strength during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Bi-monthly series
 - a. listening sessions to hear from community on COVID-19 relief efforts, a panel of service providers highlighting relief efforts
 - b. Commission to outreach for content
 - c. A conversation on providing digital access to low income and elder communities.
- 2. Motion to support outreach and advertising online towards the series. **Motion passes (100%)**

Pride Contingency Plans

- 1. Pride events to go online in June: Seattle Pride, Trans Pride
- 2. Annual Flag Raising event is set for June 1st.
- 3. Budget item for new banner and stickers. Banner quoted at around \$80 plus tax. Stickers quoted at around \$50 plus tax. Commission to source from LGBTQIA+ businesses.
 - a. Commission to allocate funds when COVID emergency OPMA amendments lift

Legislative Updates

- 1. Sexual Health bill gets signed by the Governor, but referendum 90 is gathering signatures to overturn.
- 2. HIV Modernization bill passed
- 3. Human trafficking hotel training bill passed. Amendment to include anti-bias training did not pass Senate.

SOCR Report

- 1. An update to online file sharing: Google Docs and Zoom will not be supported by Seattle I.T. The department will provide guidance to Commissions on the recommended platform.
 - a. A conversation on existing virtual meeting platform Zoom. Due to security concerns Seattle I.T. recommends using Microsoft-based platforms for Commission work. SOCR to

connect Commission Operations Committee with Seattle I.T. to discuss how Commission can transition. Seattle People with Disabilities Commission has received training on Microsoft-based online platforms. Trainings can also be provided to Commission if needed.

2. An update on department organization: Commission liaisons to become transition into policy team. Internal survey sent to Commissions to advise in transition. New Gender Justice Advisor to fill vacancy Leo Segovia.

Announcements, Reminders, & Roll Call

1. Coronavirus reminders: wash your hands! If you bind or cinch, take breaks! Be considerate of seniors!
2. Local supermarkets have designated Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 – 9 a.m. as hours for seniors – please follow that guidance.

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