

AGENDA
Seattle Women's Commission
Monday, October 16th 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Website: <https://www.seattle.gov/womenscommission>

Link to join virtually:

<https://seattle.webex.com/seattle/j.php?MTID=ma9a7a90b955da855db3cf1a017ed42b2>

Facilitators: K. Guerrero, S. Liu

Note taker & Land/Labor Acknowledgment: W. Nakamura

Attendance: S. Liu, A. Johnny, K. Evans, K. Guerrero, R. Bryant, R. Morowitz, W. Nakamura

Guests: Wapiski-Miskanahk, Tana Yasu

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LeLk0_715dE4IO56C7ngyng-gU7CUM5Rq3fWpx7xNZE/edit?usp=sharing

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| 5:30 | <p>Welcome to SWC Monthly Meeting Introductions/Roll Call Land/ Labor Acknowledgment: We are currently occupying the unceded lands of many First Peoples; Coast Salish people, Muckleshoot, Suquamish, Stillaguamish, and Duwamish. We acknowledge and thank local First Nations for their centuries of land stewardship that long predates the arrival of European settlers. We remind you to be aware of the spaces you occupy locally, that these lands were stolen from First People in the name of white settler colonialism and that you seek ways to continue your education and give back to local Indigenous communities. Duwamish Tribe's website *** "We must acknowledge that much of what we know of this country today, including its culture, economic growth, and development throughout history and across time, has been made possible by the labor of enslaved Africans and their ascendants who suffered the horror of the transatlantic trafficking of their people, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow. We are indebted to their labor and their sacrifice, and we must acknowledge the tremors of that violence throughout the</p> | S. Liu |

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| | <p>generations and the resulting impact that can still be felt and witnessed today.” Dr. Terah “TJ” Stewart)</p> | |
| 5:45 | <p>Guest Speaker: “Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization” Training Intro</p> <p>This is a 10-hour training (five 2-hour online sessions) for non-Indigenous peoples, reviewing the impacts (historical and contemporary) of colonization on Indigenous peoples. The training began around 5 years ago. It involves small and large group time. The MMIW Subcommittee recommends SWC participation and to open the training to all Commissions, with the training beginning in Q1 2024. They will share additional details, including a budget proposal, soon.</p> <p>R. Bryant makes a motion to move forward with a plan for the Seattle Women’s Commission to participate in the “Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization” training, seconded by K. Evan. Unanimous approval (by all seven Commissioners).</p> | Miskanhk |
| | <p>R. Bryant makes a motion to approve minutes from September’s meeting, and K. Guerrero seconds the motion. Unanimous approval (by all seven Commissioners).</p> <p>S. Liu makes a motion to approve October’s meeting agenda, seconded by K. Evans. Unanimous approval (by all seven Commissioners).</p> | |
| 6:00 | <p>Subcommittee Report-out (Subcommittee Updates on 2022-2023 SWC Initiatives)</p> <p>MMIW: will keep their survey open another week, and will send a reminder message. Will come back with training proposal and budget.</p> <p>Affordable Childcare: requests approval to provide public testimony in favor of the Mayor’s budget investment in human services workers’ wages.</p> <p>R. Bryant makes a motion endorsing K. Evans to testify on behalf of SWC at the 10/18/23 budget hearing in support of</p> | Subcommittee Chairs |

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| | <p>increasing wages for human services staff, seconded by K. Guerrero. Unanimous approval (by all seven Commissioners).</p> <p>Housing access: has shifted their event to be after the election (11/15/23) to avoid any confusion or possible issues regarding the housing levy on the ballot. Confirmed panelists and other event details will be included in the updated flyer, which will be sent shortly. Commissioners are encouraged to share the event flyer, invite people, and attend the event.</p> <p>Communications: housing access event registration form is almost ready. There was a discussion about additional event and registration details, including if this event will be virtual. ASL and/or CART will be provided at the event. Marta will ask the venue if they have a screen and the ability to provide a hybrid meeting. All panelists are confirmed to participate in-person.</p> | |
| | <p>Co-Chair Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Domestic Violence Council Representative ● Voting on SPD Letter (9/11/23 incident) ● SWC Coffee Chats <p>We need a new SWC representative for the next DVPC meeting on December 1st (most recently it was Tana in this role). Marta shared some context about the Council and the SWC's participation. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to reach out to SWC Co-Chairs.</p> <p>The DVPC operates under the joint sponsorship of the Executive, Law, and Legislative branches of City government to: (1) foster interdepartmental collaboration in the City's domestic violence response; (2) develop recommendations regarding the City's domestic violence policies within a regional framework; (3) explore innovative approaches employed in other jurisdictions to address domestic violence; (4) determine program effectiveness through program monitoring and evaluation; (5) promote an integrated approach to budgeting for domestic violence services; (6) coordinate interdepartmental efforts to obtain grant funding and recommend the allocation of such funds; and (7) be an</p> | <p>K. Guerrero</p> |

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| | active participant in the community's response to domestic violence. | |
| 6:45 | <p>Retreat Planning Discussion</p> <p>Discussion included community outreach ideas to gather public input, such as a survey or listening tour, to gather information. The retreat is scheduled for December 2nd. One of the main deliverables is the Commission's 2-year Workplan. Once completed, the Commission will present its Workplan to the Mayor and City Council.</p> | S. Liu |
| 7:20 | <p>Seattle Office of Civil Rights Updates/ Report</p> <p>The Commissioner Handbook Section Review (understanding Commission Administration) is moved to the next meeting due to timing</p> | M. Idowu |
| 7:30 | Adjourned | |