

February 16th, 2023 - 4pm-6pm
Seattle Disability Commission Minutes

Commissioners present: Silas James, Shelby Dey, Kristina Sawyckyj, Kaitlin Skilton, Taylor Woods

Commissioners absent: Dawn Dailey, Devon Breithart

Pending Commissioner Present: Jessica Lo

Leave of Absence: April Snow, Heyiwot Amare

OCR Staff: Meredith Stone

Captioner: Eileen Horst

Members of the Public: Afam Ayika – Community Organizer and Restorative Justice Practitioner, Dan DeLong – Emergency Management Specialist with the Seattle Public School District, Meagan Murphy

Topic

- Call to Order Shelby
- Roll Call / Commissioner introductions Silas
 - *Name and pronoun*
 - *Disability Justice Principles: Silas on Intersectionality*
 - *Volunteer for next month*
- Welcome OCR staff Shelby
- Welcome Public / Comment Silas
 - Name, pronoun, what brought you here today? (2 minutes per member of the public)
- Interaction Agreements Shelby
- Universal Design Silas
 - CART, 22 size font, etc.

Co-Chair Updates

- Meeting with Mayors Office Report back
 - Still being scheduled, will report back in March
- 5 Chair Report back

- Working to adapt [DC Human Rights Enhancement Amendment Act of 2022](#) and bring to Seattle homelessness as a right and protected class
- Discussed meeting more frequently, there is a plan to meet in March and considering meeting monthly
- Main takeaway was shared interests and plan to develop a cross-commission communications team so we can speak from a unified voice
- Seattle Center Grant Approval
 - Grant was approved and Commission was a part of submitting a letter that got it passed

OCR Updates

- Holly and Autumn from the City of Seattle plan to come in March or April
 - How often does Commission want to meet with Holly and Autumn?
 - Commissioner input: Twice a year presentations?

- Last call for food reimbursements from Retreat
- Feb 21st confirmation for Commissioners Jessica Lo, Kaitlin Skilton, Dawn Daily, Taylor Wood
- Monthly Digest Reminder – if you have things you want to let the other commissions know email them to Meredith
- Call for Commissioner feedback on OCR Directors appointment. See email and please submit feedback by February 17th.
- New Staff Member at OCR, title Capacity Development Advisor. If you're interested in joining a small workgroup to help them best support Commissions let Meredith know.

Requests for OCR

- Add small meetings to the Monthly Digest
- Make reimbursements for food more accessible

Approval of Minutes

- Retreat 2022-2023 Minutes

- Silas moved; Shelby seconded
- Maralise called vote Yes 4; No 0; Abstained
1: Vote passed

Report Backs and Upcoming Events

- Power Chair Updates
 - Seattle Center
 - We are in process of resending them specifications and it's looking like they will put in power chair chargers
 - Waiting to hear back from other places
 - Statewide Hospitals are not currently adding chargers: UW, Northwest, Valley, Harborview
 - The College of Engineering is going to put in three new power chair chargers

Workplan Discussion and Vote

- Motion to approve the 2023 Disability Commission Workplan
 - Silas moved; Shelby seconded

- Silas called vote Yes 5; No 0; Abstained 0:
Vote passed

Black History Month Event 2023 Discussion and Vote

Saturday, February 25th 12-7pm at Seattle City Hall in Bertha Knight Landes Room. All Commissioners invited to join. Details will be emailed out or contact Tana.Yasu.SWC@gmail.com or 206.659.5360 cell/text.

Motion that the Disability Commission use our logo to support this event.

- Silas moved; Taylor seconded
- Silas called vote Yes 5; No 0; Abstained 0:
Vote passed

Recap of Changes to Opposition To Sweeps

Updates and revisions are being made and will include calling out shelters as being inadequate

housing and how to adapt the [DC Human Rights Enhancement Amendment Act of 2022](#). Will bring back in March for a vote.

Committees, Action Plans, Future Guests Discussion

- UW has won a grant for the ADA Center. Silas would like to invite the Director of the ADA Center to present in July
- Mary from Domestic Violence Shelter event is interested in presenting to Commission, Shelby is in communication.
- UW Harborview Abuse and Trauma Center, Kaitlin could reach out to them
- Professor in Disability Studies Program at UW who specialized in digital privacy in terms of disability, Silas could reach for them
- Social worker who could share about transferring from child health care with disabilities to getting access to adult care

Bylaws Update

Proposed edits have been made to the bylaws, there are only a few major updates. Welcome others to add input, please don't accept changes only add comments or suggest edits. [Click here to go to the document](#).

Closing Comments & Adjournment

- Let Shelby or Silas know if you can volunteer to introduce one of the disability justice principles.
- 135 Social Housing is leaning towards passing