

MEETING MINUTES
Seattle Women’s Commission
Monday, July 15th 2024, 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: S. Liu

Note taker & Land/Labor Acknowledgment: M. Rivera

Attendance: S. Liu, E. Barr, J. Tran, R. Bryant, V. La Mont, M. Rivera, W. Nakamura, M. Idowu

Guests:

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

Time	Topic	Lead
5:30	<p>Welcome to SWC Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Land/ Labor Acknowledgment:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Duwamish Tribe’s website</p> <p>***</p> <p>“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 generations and the resulting impact that can still be felt and witnessed today.”</p> <p>Dr. Terah “TJ” Stewart)</p>	S. Liu

	<p>Introductions/ Roll Call</p> <p>Approve minutes for June meeting Motion Sarah, second Emily Motion: Sarah, second Rebecca Approve Agenda for July meeting</p>	
5:45	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Tana: her friend passed away from domestic violence and wants to bring more awareness to domestic violence and mental health in her honor, Mioshe McCloud. From Seattle and wants more laws, awareness etc. wants to know if the SWC can assist. Sarah: this does align well with our gender based subcommittee Marta is collecting Tana's information</p>	-
5:50	<p>Domestic Violence Prevention Council Update Veronica:</p> <p>Discussed 2024-2025 priorities which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth being exposed to violence - showing that out that are impacted have lasting negative side effects for the rest of their lives. - Increase citywide knowledge around domestic violence for city employees - Criminal systems response - improving accessibility for those who have disabilities and language access. - Reporting takes a long time and isn't the most fluid process. Would like to look into further options for reporters. - October will be Domestic Violence Awareness month and they are planning an event. 	V. La Mont
6:05	<p>Budget Review</p> <p>Sarah: About half of the budget has been used. Some of the budget will be allocated to the Domestic Violence event in October. Veronica: The event will be in October and they are looking at capacity and looking to other committees for assistance.</p>	S. Liu

6:25

Subcommittee Updates

- Review Subcommittee Chairs
- Reproductive Health
 - Rebecca: Kyla left and Hannah joined the subcommittee.
 - Updated both the work plan and the draft work plan to clarify that affordable housing is its own subcommittee.
- Gender-Based Violence
 - Everyone on the committee doesn't have the capacity to chair.
 - Not seeing much progress as everyone on the subcommittee is new and they need assistance with direction.
 - Sarah: if anyone has capacity to join, I would encourage it.
 - Tana: is volunteering to help with the committee as a volunteer.
 - Sarah: You can separate the chair to two co-chairs to separate the work if that helps.
 - Veronica: we are all at our max limit.
- Housing Access
 - Emily: working on presentation for October, not many updates
 - Sarah: the main update is around the housing tour. Working with Compass Housing Alliance and working with a speaker who let them tour the Women's shelter. Were able to schedule the tour for last Friday.
 - They have another site with a higher capacity.
 - Tana: has a mal friend who has custody of his children. Do you know of any shelter that are offered for males and their children?
 - Marta: There's a number you can call that will show you who is able to stay at each shelter.
- Communications
 - Mariah: JWA went very well! Had over 45 people in attendance. Got great feedback that the community loved the event and messages given.
 - Whitney: we lost our chair Kyla so we are in an odd place and trying to figure out next steps.
- Upcoming Work Plan Presentations
 - Virtual, OCR team- next week

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ August 12th presentation given by Sarah and Kyla ○ Dec 11th presentation <p>Key Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SWC 2024-2025 Work Plan: SWC 2024 Focus Areas ● SWC Work Plan Tracker: SWC Initiatives ● 2024 Budget Spreadsheet: Budget 	
7:15	<p>Seattle Office of Civil Rights Updates/Report</p> <p>Marta: Let me know if you are going to be continuing on as a commissioner.</p> <p>World Affairs - July 17th</p> <p>Co-chair nominations next month. Email Sarah and cc the person you are nominating.</p> <p>Sarah is moving to New York City August 2nd and will stay on the commission until the end of her term.</p>	M. Idowu
7:30	Adjourned	