

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Becky Tallent, Ari Carter, Jana Argersinger, Erin Agidius, Elizabeth Stevens, Jesse Martinez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandra Kelly, Meredith Metsker, Bruce Pitman, Steve Simmons, Rula Awwad-Rafferty

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tyson Berrett, Staff Liaison; Anne Zabala, City Council Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk; Joann Muneta, ex-officio

1. Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2018.

Tallent moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Agidius and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was received and the following events were added:

- Sat., Jan. 19, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Women's March following the Martin Luther King Breakfast. The group will meet at the City Hall parking lot and walk to East City Park. There will be speakers. Some groups will be setting up tables at the park.
- Sun., Jan. 20, 2019, 4:00 p.m. Interfaith Service at the Pullman Catholic Church. This event will be tied to the WSU MLK celebration.
- Sun, Jan. 27, 2019, 3:30 and 7:00 p.m., "Who Will Write Our Story?" Kenworthy Theatre

A correction to the calendar was noted: Shirley Jackson will be speaking at 6:00 instead of 7:00 pm. at UI on January 17, 2019.

3. Social Justice Forum – Sanctuary/Refugees (ACTION ITEM).

Katie Evans, UI Law School, will be explaining legal issues and sanctuaries at this forum. Rev. Debbie Sperry or Rev. Steve VanKuiken (Pullman) may be asked to speak. Currently there are no churches actively offering sanctuary on the Palouse. This forum will be held on February 26 at 7

p.m. in either the City Council Chambers or the 1912 Building, depending on availability. The Martin Institute is very willing to work with the Commission. Romauld Afatchao, from the Institute, may be speaking. There will be short statements from a panel to cover legal aspects, views from churches, and issues from a universal context. The floor will be open for questions and answers. Law enforcement may be asked to participate to bring their perspective and how law enforcement works specifically with the sanctuary/refugee/asylum issue. The purpose of the forum is to come together, educate, provide clarification, ask questions, and possibly inspire others to become active. Agidius moved to sponsor a Social Justice Forum pertaining to sanctuaries, refugees, and asylum. Argersinger seconded the motion. There was discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Future Social Justice Forums.

Moscow High School is taking a climate survey to find out what might be of interest to students. Some topics include mental health and immigration. Other suggestions were pesticides in City parks, Palouse climate patterns, and sex trafficking. Additional ideas may be brought to the HRC's February meeting. Information is needed by the high school by the end of February.

Mental illness was discussed as a theme for Inclusive Communities Month in September and could include the opioid crisis and involve the Latah Recovery Center, NAMI and representatives from the Mental Health Court and the Drug Court.

5. Reports.

A. Latah Human Rights Task Force – Muneta/Carter.

Tickets are still available at Paradise Creek Bicycles and BookPeople as well as at the door. Shirley Jackson will be speaking at the breakfast and at the UI. There will be awards and music.

B. Food Insecurity/Poverty On the Palouse and In Moscow.

There is a new Facebook page and a logo is being developed. There have been conversations about Community Acton Partners enlarging their capacity to distribute food. Seed money and volunteers are needed. Also Palouse Tables, which serves Latah and Whitman Counties, is considering a mobile food system, transporting food to people who cannot get to the food bank. WSU would like to expand their food bank on campus. The Community Resources page will continue to grow to include more resources to meet community needs. There will be a general meeting of Poverty on the Palouse on Thursday, January 17, at 5:30 p.m.

C. Blake Little: Photographs from the Gay Rodeo.

The Latah Human Rights Task Force and others are sponsoring this exhibit which will run at the UI Library from Feb. 4 – April 30. The exhibit will be launched with a presentation and reception from 4-6:00 P.M. This reception is free and open to the public. A documentary is planned at the Kenworthy Theatre sometime this spring, "Queens and Cowboys: A Straight Year on the Gay Rodeo."

D. Pesticides in the City of Moscow Parks / Collaboration with Sustainability Commission.
There was no report.

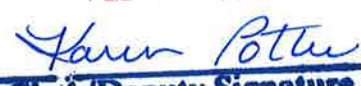
6. Announcements/Other Business.

There were no announcements or other business.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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