

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Tallent (Acting Chair), Sandra Kelly, Meredith Metsker, Bruce Pitman, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Erin Agidius, Jesse Martinez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Faunce, Ari Carter, Jana Argersinger, Steve Simmons, Elizabeth Stevens (on sabbatical)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tyson Berrett, Staff Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2019.

Kelly moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Pitman and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed and the following event was added:

- Photography Exhibit: "Push Factors: Guatemalan Migration in Perspective," Prichard Art Gallery, through February 24, 2019.

3. Social Justice Forum Sponsorship - Sanctuary/Refugees/Asylum.

The Social Justice Forum entitled "Sanctuary. Asylum. Refugees. What's the Difference?" will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the 1912 Center. The Commission is hopeful this event will start conversations by providing basic information. A flyer and a press release will be sent out. On Friday, February 22, 2019, a guest editorial by Tallent will be featured in the Daily News. This Social Justice Forum is co-sponsored with the Martin Institute. A Facebook announcement will be posted tonight. Awaad-Rafferty moved the Commission provide coffee and water for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kelly and it carried. The Forum will address sanctuary from societal and legal viewpoints specifically for the Palouse.

4. Discussion of Future Social Justice Forums.

Topics were discussed for future social justice forums. A collaborative event with the Arts Commission, such as an art show depicting feeding the homeless and humanitarian aid, were suggested. Tallent will contact the Arts Commission.

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Reports:

1. Latah Human Rights Task Force Update.

There was no report from the Task Force.

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2. Food Insecurity / Poverty on the Palouse Update.

Poverty on the Palouse has been updating their planning guide and making decisions regarding grants. Backyard Harvest may be a good resource for knowledge of the grant process. There has also been discussion whether to stay under the City umbrella or to form a non-profit for the group. The general meeting for February was rescheduled because of weather.

3. Status of Pesticides in City Parks and Collaboration with Sustainable Environment Commission.

There was no update on the status of pesticides in City Parks.

4. Update on Blake Little Photographs from the Gay Rodeo Exhibit.

The Blake Little exhibit is ongoing. There will be a closing reception on Tuesday, April 30. A documentary will be shown in the spring.

Announcements:

- The MHS Human Rights Club concerns are LGBTQA, sanctuary cities, and the opioid crisis. If Commissioners have ideas for topics for Moscow High School students, please send suggestions to Ari Carter.
- The next Human Rights Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.