

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Becky Tallent, Sandra Kelly, Ari Carter, Meredith Metsker, Steve Simmons, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Erin Agidius, Jesse Martinez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jana Argersinger, Bruce Pitman, Elizabeth Stevens.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tyson Berrett, Staff Liaison; Anne Zabala, City Council Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk; Joann Muneta, ex-officio; Christine Gilmore, Executive Director of the Kenworthy Theatre.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2019.

One change was made to the minutes:

- The location of the future social justice forum art show will be the Third Street Gallery instead of the Prichard Gallery.

Tallent moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Kelly and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed. There was one change:

- HRC at the Market will be held on August 22, rather than August 30.

3. Kenworthy Theatre Stage Lift.

The Kenworthy Theatre decided on a different portable stage lift which is better suited and \$10,000 less than the one originally selected. This lift will allow access to the Kenworthy stage as well as other stages and can be used for those who might have ambulatory issues or use a wheelchair. It is also easier and lighter to transport and will fit through the narrow doorways of the theatre. The possibility of installing a ramp was explored but uses too much space. This lift will be available for use at all community events such as Artwalk, Rendezvous in the Park, and events at the University of Idaho. It will serve all community members and will be stored at the Kenworthy. Faunce will check with City Administration to see if this sponsorship falls within Commission guidelines. Kelly moved to sponsor the portable stage lift for \$500 pending clarification with City Administration. This motion was seconded by Simmons and the motion carried.

4. Indigenous People's Day.

Possible Indigenous People's Day activities were discussed to include the Vandal Nation drum group and story tellers. It was also suggested Native American student groups be asked to be involved. The Latah Human Rights Task Force is considering a Living Voices presentation at the schools. Kelly moved to sponsor activities for Indigenous People's Day, seconded by Awwad-Rafferty, and the motion carried. Staff liaison will contact the Farmer's Market to borrow a canopy for the event in case of inclement weather.

REPORTS

1. Latah Human Rights Task Force Update

The Task Force has changed the theme for Human Rights Day at the Market from mental illness to voting rights. This may also be the theme for the Art and Essay contest and MLK breakfast.

2. Community Voice / Human Rights Issues – Faunce

A draft of the poster for a community survey was circulated for review. Questions created by the Moscow High School student Defne Yuksel were discussed. These questions will be finalized soon and distributed to the high school, Gritman Medical Center, BookPeople, the Chamber of the Commerce, City Hall, local coffee shops, and other businesses.

3. Future Social Justice Forum – Art Show

The committee for this event will meet in the near future and report back.

4. Moscow High School Survey – Carter

Students are working on the survey and trying to condense it. It will be sent out for review and any changes will be made. The group is trying to keep it open so participants can write their own concerns.

5. Inclusive Communities Month Theme – Mental Health

The 1912 Building has been reserved for the potluck. Disability Action Center (DAC) and the Latah Recovery Center have been contacted for event ideas. It was suggested that Emily Tuscchoff, UI Vandal Health, be contacted as well.

6. Food Insecurity / Poverty on the Palouse Update

The steering committee met. The next general meeting will be held until June 20. The steering committee voted to change the name from Poverty on the Palouse to "Weaving Abundance on the Palouse" and is open to feedback regarding the name change. This committee would like more publicity regarding the Community Action Center and their resources. The Center provides emergency food supplies until individuals can be connected with a food bank and money for rent, utility bills, etc.

7. Pesticides in the City Parks and Collaboration with Sustainable Environment Commission.

Kelly will be contacting area golf courses to find out what pesticides are being applied to lawns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. A collaborative forum pertaining to eradicating poverty with UI and WSU will be held on April 24 at the Marriott Courtyard in Pullman. Both City Mayors are invited. This event is hosted through the Center of Engagement, and it is about empowering through engagement and networking. Registration is open to everyone and it is free.
2. TED Talks will be at UI on Saturday, April 27, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. All talks will pertain to human rights and will be held in UI Auditorium. Due to space limitations, it will be live streamed as well. Talks will be available on You Tube at a later date.
3. Councilmember Zabala reported back about the process of changing the high school commission seat from a non-voting member to a voting member. A letter should be prepared and given to City Supervisor Riedner and the Mayor, and the issue put on the City Council Agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Karen Potter
Club/Deputy Signature