

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Tallent, Steve Simmons, Jana Argersinger, Bruce Pitman, Ari Carter, Sandra Kelly, Erin Agidius, Cassie Seubert,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Faunce, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Elizabeth Stevens, Meredith Metsker, Sophia Eck

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jenine Estlick, AmeriCorps volunteer for the Farmer's Market; Joann Muneta; James Fry, Staff Liaison; Jim Boland, City Council Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2018.

The spelling of Erin Agidius's name was spelled incorrectly in the January minutes. Agidius moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Argersinger, and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed and following events were added:

- Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium, UI College of Law
- Saturday, March 24, gun control demonstration, time and place to be determined.

3. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report.

At their last meeting, the task force debriefed on the MLK Breakfast. The annual meeting will be held on March 22. Topics for Human Rights Day at the Market, scheduled for September 8, were discussed. The Great Moscow Food Drive is scheduled for August 4th. The task force would like to co-sponsor this event with the Commission. A vote will be taken at the next Human Rights Commission meeting.

4. Northwest Coalition for Human Rights Report.

The Coalition is progressing and there is nothing new to report.

5. Finding the Center Report.

The Finding the Center Conference is progressing and there is nothing new to report.

6. Moscow Food Co-op Report – Event Collaboration.

The movie, "Food Chains," is scheduled for April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kenworthy Theatre. The speaker will be University of Idaho Extension Agent David Granastein. Publicity will be timed accordingly.

7. UU Church Report – Event Collaboration.

The movie, "Whose Streets," was well attended.

8. Education Forum: Health Care Report.

Argersinger and Pitman have been planning this forum which is scheduled for March 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Emily and Garrett Strizich are involved. Dan Schmidt will be the moderator. Other speakers will include: Janice Boughton, M.D., Dr. John Rusche, and Don Burnett, former dean of the UI law school. Tim Faust, national-level advocate for Medicare for All, may contribute by Skype if details can be worked out. The preliminary title of the forum is "Healthcare: A Human Right?" Argersinger said the question mark may be taken out of the title. The task force may co-sponsor the event if it is not a debate. The thrust of the panel will be positive. Tallent will help with publicity. A petition to put Medicaid expansion on the ballot is almost complete; however, because this petition is a political effort, it will not be supported by the Commission. Kelly moved to make this event an educational forum, seconded by Agidius and the motion carried. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

9. Syringa Mobile Home Park.

There has been a \$300,000 settlement for Syringa residents. Each family will receive about \$1,000. Residents will be required to move by June. Affordable housing in Moscow is still an issue. Simmons and Kelly will contact Randy Baukol, chairperson of the City's Fair and Affordable Housing Commission, to see how the Human Rights Commission may help with this issue.

10. Sojourners Alliance Update.

At a recent event, \$4,200 was raised for Sojourners. Steve Bonnar is working on some grants. New residents cannot be taken on. Funding will run out for those individuals in motels in March. The Rotary Club donated \$2,000 toward this effort.

11. Pesticides in City of Moscow Parks and Collaboration with the Sustainability Commission.

Information is being gathered to see what can be done to make parks safer.

12. Food Insecurity in Moscow.

The Food Insecurity meeting was very successful. There will be a follow-up meeting on March 1st, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

13. Announcements/Other Business.

a. Estlick attended the meeting to schedule tables for the Commission at the Farmer's Market. The Commission will be voting in March to co-sponsor a table with the task force on August 4th. A second date of June 16th was also selected.

b. Carter reported high school students are planning a "walk out" to show solidarity regarding a protest on gun control. The students do not want to walk out during class or disrupt school schedules. The event may be scheduled for a lunch hour. He will keep the Commission posted as arrangements are

made. The group which is organizing the March 24th demonstration would like the students to attend as well.

- c. A faith-based medicine march took place in Boise yesterday with 200 participants. Two documentaries will come out this year on faith-based medicine. Simmons will let the Commission know when these films are released.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Clerk/Deputy Signature

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