

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Meeting Notes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Steve Simmons, Erin Agidius, Cassie Seubert, Elizabeth Stevens

MEMBERS ABSENT: Becky Tallent, Sophia Eck, Sandra Kelly, Ari Carter, Jana Argersinger, Meredith Metsker, Bruce Pitman, Rula Awwad-Rafferty

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tyson Berrett, Staff Liaison; Jim Boland, City Council Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clark, Joann Muneta, ex-officio

1. Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2018.

A quorum was not present for this meeting. The minutes from April 17, 2018 were reviewed. There were no changes.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed and the following event was added:

- Saturday, January 19, 2019, Martin Luther King Breakfast

3. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report.

The topic for Human Rights Day at the Market will be "Wealth and Inequality in Human Rights." The Task Force is open to speaker suggestions for the Martin Luther King Breakfast. A theme has not been chosen at this time. The UI is planning events for Martin Luther King Day and is also looking for speakers. It was suggested the Commission contact the Poor People's Campaign.

4. Northwest Coalition for Human Rights Report.

The membership and email list is ready to go. An email will be sent out next week to all member organizations and individuals to see if there is interest in the Coalition. Some have moved or changed email addresses. A "save the date" reminder for the Finding the Center Conference will be sent out as well.

5. Finding the Center Report.

A planning meeting will be held at Café Artista on Friday, May 18, at 3:30 p.m. to discuss speakers and other arrangements for this conference. All who are interested in helping to plan this event are invited to attending meetings. Individuals will eventually be assigned tasks. Planning is progressing nicely.

6. HRC at the Market.

The Commission's Human Rights Day at the Market will be held June 16th. The following individuals have signed up for shifts:

- 8:00-9:30 a.m. – Tallent and Stevens
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Metsker (one more is needed)
- 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Faunce (one more is needed)

Those interested in working a shift may contact Faunce to sign up.

7. Syringa Mobile Home Park Report.

The UCC Church booth at the Renaissance Fair received \$1,429 in donations for the Syringa Relief Fund. There will be a dance on Friday as a fundraiser. More food is needed and those interested in helping out can sign up on SignUp Genius. The Nectar is donating Cougar Gold Macaroni and Cheese. The move out deadline for Syringa residents is June 5th. Those residents who have places or funds to move have already relocated. There are approximately 35 families left.

8. Pesticides in the City of Moscow Parks.

Kelly is working with the Sustainable Environment Commission regarding pesticides in the parks. A report was made to City Council. The City Parks and Recreation Department is open to making changes regarding pesticides in the parks.

9. Food Insecurity in Moscow Report.

There will be a food insecurity meeting tomorrow in the City Council Chambers. A steering committee has been formed. The Palouse Tables project, a community food planning project for Whitman and Latah Counties, is involved. There is a grant to investigate food insecurity in Whitman and Latah Counties. A local business has provided funding, a location, and volunteers from the Idaho Food Bank for a food truck to come to Moscow once a month to distribute food at a location close to campus.

10. New Social Justice Forums.

There was discussion about future Social Justice Forums. The Commission is looking at human rights and its relationship to the opioid epidemic. Ken talked to BookPeople, and they are open to holding a "book read" event. An excerpt from the book, "Dreamland" will be read and followed with discussion. The Commission will be reaching out the Latah Recovery Center as well. It was also suggested Class Action, an organization working to end classism, be considered. This organization provides training to raise awareness which may fit with the poverty theme.

11. Racial Equality and Inclusive Community Events.

The following events were reviewed:

- Community Potluck on Saturday, September 29
- Open House for organizations who deal with homeless individuals.
- Donations boxes
- Human Rights Day at the Market
- Finding the Center Conference

Other suggestions included:

- Medicaid expansion and the cost of healthcare.
- Reaching out to those groups dealing with homeless individuals for future event suggestions.
- Children and food insecurity.
- Poverty on the Palouse presentation.
- A mutual location for the food bank and benefit signup.

12. Announcements/Other Business.

There was no announcements or other business.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Karen Roth
City Clerk

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