

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Becky Tallent, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Erin Agidius, Elizabeth Stevens

MEMBERS ABSENT: Defne Yuksel, Jana Argersinger, Steve Simmons, Jesse Martinez

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: James Fry Jr., Staff Liaison; Maureen Laflin, City Council Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk; Joann Muneta, ex-officio

1. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2019.

The name of the MLK Breakfast speaker was corrected to read: "Jeremy" Woodson. Tallent moved to accept the minutes. Agidius seconded the motion to the accept the minutes as amended and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed and the following events were added:

- Campus-Community Forum, April 7, 2020, University of Idaho Pitman Center
- Great Moscow Food Drive, Saturday, August 1, 2020

3. HRC Representative to Serve on Sustainable Environment Commission Subcommittee.

Agidius moved to nominate Stevens to serve on the climate change subcommittee for the Sustainable Environment Commission. The motion was seconded by Tallent and the motion carried.

4. Living Voices: Women's Suffrage Sponsorship.

Tallent moved to sponsor a Living Voices' presentation for \$500.00 on women's suffrage at 7:00 p.m. at the 1912 Center. This motion was seconded by Awwad-Rafferty and the motion carried. This presentation will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

5. Sponsorship of Movie, "Selma," at the Kenworthy Theatre

Faunce contacted the Kenworthy Theatre regarding a Sunday afternoon showing of the movie, "Selma." The theatre is not available on weekends, as income-producing events are normally

scheduled during this time. There was discussion. One suggestion was to hold a panel and discussion with refreshments prior to the movie showing. Faunce will again contact Kenworthy staff to talk about other options. A vote will be taken after more information is available.

REPORTS

1. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report.

The MLK Breakfast went well and was well attended. The speaker was exceptional and talked to UI students, minority students, the high school, and the Task Force. The Task Force was very pleased with the awards and there was good participation. Muneta thanked the HRC for their support of the breakfast. The Task Force is open to themes and ideas for upcoming events and would like to collaborate with the Commission.

2. High School Seat Voting.

Faunce has been unable to meet with City Supervisor Riedner since the last meeting.

4. Bias Reporting System.

Faunce has also been unable to meet with City Supervisor Riedner since the last meeting on this issue.

5. Voices of Moscow.

The survey was completed in December. Faunce will email Yuksel for a status update.

6. Future Social Justice Forums and Events.

Commissioners were reminded to be thinking about upcoming social justice forums and the theme for Inclusive Communities Week. The following suggestions and ideas were discussed:

- Working together / diversity of opinions
- Conversations among groups of 6-8 people to foster communication about political differences and other differences of opinion. A speaker could present with time built in for these conversations.
- Mindfulness / self-care / community care
- Building Resilience.
 - ☐ Speakers and workshops
 - ☐ Individual resilience / community resilience
 - ☐ Overcoming differences
 - ☐ Building community
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Immigration at the border
- Issues from the City survey
- “Hope as a Human Right.”
 - ☐ How to sustain yourself with a sense of hope.

- ☐ Personal sustainability and getting out and doing.
- ☐ How to engage rather than sitting silent.

7. Food Insecurity / Poverty on the Palouse Update.

The Resource Guides has been distributed to different agencies.

8. Information from City Council – Councilmember Laflin.

Councilmember Laflin was welcomed as staff liaison.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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Planning Calendar

Wed., Feb 26, 2020, 7:00 pm	Living Voices: Women's Suffrage 1912 Center
Tues., Mar 17, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Apr 7, 2020,	Campus-Community Forum UI Pitman Center
Tues., Apr 21, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., May 19, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat., May 30, 2020, 8:00-12:00	HRC at the Market, Friendship Square
Tues., Jun 16, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Jul 21, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat., Aug 1, 2020, 8:00 am	Great Moscow Food Drive
Tues., Aug 18, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat., Aug 22, 2020, 8:00-12:00	HRC at the Market, Friendship Square
Tues., Sep 15, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Oct 20, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Nov 17, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Dec 15, 2020, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room