

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Becky Tallent, Ari Carter, Jana Argersinger, Meredith Metsker, Bruce Pitman, Cassie Seubert, Elizabeth Stevens

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandra Kelly, Steve Simmons, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Erin Agidius, Sophia Eck

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: James Fry, Staff Liaison; Jim Bolland, City Council Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2018.

Tallent moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Metsker, and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed and the following events were announced:

- Ann Garrels and Neal Conan, NPR Correspondents, informal meeting, November 6th, 4:30-6:00 p.m. and November 7th, 7:30 p.m. to discuss their book, "Between War and Here."
- UI Cultural Literacy and Equality Symposium, October 30-31, Pitman Center
- Medicaid Expansion/Healthcare Forum, November 1st, from Noon-1:00 p.m., Commons Crest Room.

3. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report.

Living Voices provided performances about Anne Frank in Pullman, Troy Junior and Senior High Schools, and Moscow Middle School. The Task Force distributed prompts for the Art and Essay Contest to English and art teachers. They are currently looking for speakers for the MLK breakfast. Lynn Ate, former Human Rights Commissioner, purchased pamphlets, "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," as gifts for the current commissioners. These were distributed at the meeting.

4. Northwest Coalition for Human Rights Report.

New members signed up to be a part of the Coalition at the Finding the Center Conference. The Coalition will begin gathering information from organizations to start a newsletter. Finding the Center funds will be transferred to the Coalition account, as the conference is owned by the coalition.

5. Finding the Center Report.

The conference was a success. There was good sponsorship, and there is enough funds to currently host another conference.

6. ACLU Mural – Moscow Hotel Update.

The mural is complete. The commission was not approached again about contacting City Council; however, the organizers may contact the City in the future.

7. Pesticides in the City of Moscow.

No report.

8. Food Insecurity in Moscow Report.

The steering committee will begin meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. The third Thursday each month will be an open meeting for the public. The next public gathering will be tomorrow, October 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. It was noted the Pullman Community Action Partners, which work with the Palouse Tables Project, has 22 staff members.

9. Indigenous Peoples' Day Report.

Approximately 50 people attended this event. There were three story tellers. Tribes would like be involved more next year. The Daily News provided good coverage for the event.

10. Human Rights and Opioids – Book Reading Event Report.

This event will be held on November 8th at 6 p.m. at BookPeople and the title will be, “Human Rights and Opioids: A Meeting and Discussion of the book, Dreamland.” Possible readers include:

- Latah Recovery Center Director Darrell Kiem. Kiem may also ask one of his recovered peer counselors to attend.
- A police officer.
- A lawyer who works with drug cases and/or someone from the Latah County Prosecutors Office and/or a defense attorney.
- A doctor - MaryBeth Staben or Janice Boughton.
- University of Idaho representative - Jeff Dodge.
- Nez Perce Tribe representative.
- Jamal Lyksett.

There will be refreshments, excerpts from the book, and discussion. Tallent will create a press release. Metsker will send a flyer by email and through the Facebook page.

11. Announcements/Other Business.

a. At the last meeting there was a vote to recommend the City Council to support Proposition 2. In July the State of Idaho passed a law stating city councils cannot show support for pending legislation; however, individuals may send letters. The Association of Idaho Cities cannot be asked to show support because the City of Moscow supports their organization.

b. Medicaid Expansion – Proposition 2. There will be a student forum on campus. Student Health Services is presenting a workshop on Healthcare 101 to deal with the practical knowledge of healthcare. The title of the forum will be, “Got Health Insurance? Proposition 2 - Medicaid Expansion and Universal Healthcare.” Tim Faust will be speaking. Faust travels around the country speaking about healthcare. Argersinger suggested the Commission vote to reimburse \$100 toward his travel expenses at the next meeting. This item will be added to the November agenda. There is also an ASUI Senator who would like to get involved and will meet with Tallent to prepare a press release for this event.

c. Seubert brought up concerns about poor sidewalks on A Street and accessibility for wheelchairs or for those who have difficulty walking. There will be changes to A Street next year. The City has a sidewalk program for residents who wish to have their sidewalks repaired. It was suggested that another City accessibility forum be considered for 2019. This item will be added to the February 2019 agenda for discussion. A flyer will be created in the spring regarding the City's sidewalk program for property owners who are responsible for maintaining sidewalks. Councilmember Boland will also talk to Tyler Palmer about the situation.

d. The following commissioner terms will be ending in December. Those who are interesting in continuing to serve on the Commission should send an email to the Mayor by the end of the December.

- Erin Agidius
- Rula Awaad-Rafferty
- Ari Carter
- Cassie Seubert
- Elizabeth Stevens

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Chair/Deputy Signature