

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, Jana Argersinger, Meredith Metsker, Bruce Pitman, Steve Simmons, Erin Agidius, Elizabeth Stevens.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Cassie Seubert.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: James Fry, Staff Liaison; Jim Boland, City Council Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk; Joann Muneta, ex-officio; Mark Heinlin, Parks and Recreation Commission member.

1. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2018 Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed and the following event was added:

- Saturday, January 19, 1:00 p.m., Women's March. The march will begin at City Hall and end at East City Park.

3. Commissioner Terms Update.

The following Commissioners have been reappointed:

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

Cassie Seubert did not seek reappointment. There are two vacancies on the Commission: the college seat and one regular seat.

4. Nominations For and Election of HRC Chair and Vice Chair.

Argersinger moved to elect Faunce as Commission Chair, seconded by Becky and the motion carried. Kelly moved to elect Tallent for Vice Chair, seconded by Metsker and the motion carried.

5. Sponsorship of Photography Exhibit – Gay Rodeo.

The Latah Historical Society asked the Commission to co-sponsor a gay rodeo photo exhibition by photographer Blake Williams. There are currently two other co-sponsors, UI Library and the Latah County Historical Society. Other sponsors are being sought. Kelly moved the Commission provide \$500.00 to cosponsor the event. Tallent seconded the motion and the motion carried.

6. Parks and Recreation Commission Inclusiveness Changes.

There was a recent Facebook exchange pertaining to the Parks and Recreation brochure and its lack of inclusiveness. The issue specifically referenced the Father/Daughter dance and the Mother/Son game night. Faunce asked those with future concerns to contact the Parks and Recreation Commission directly rather than post on Facebook. The Parks and Recreation Commission does a wonderful job of taking care of issues which arise. The brochure contained old language and is being updated to make the entire catalog more inclusive.

7. Social Justice Forum – Sanctuary/Refugees.

The Martin Institute is interested in co-sponsoring a social justice forum regarding sanctuaries and refugees. This forum might focus on sanctuary legal aspects, limits and cities. It was suggested it be held in February. Tallent will collaborate with Bill Smith of the Martin Institute and will bring information and more details to the January meeting.

8. Future Social Justice Forums.

Suggested future forums included:

- Opioid crisis. The possibility of involving the high school and middle students was discussed. Lapwai Community Coalition for Drug Prevention is very interested in prevention education. Individual speakers could be asked to come in. Faunce will speak to the Middle School. The event could be held in early April and advertised through schools so all parents are aware about the event.
- Mental Illness. It was suggested mental illness be considered as a theme for the Human Rights Week in September or for a Social Justice Forum for fall 2019.

9. Reports.

A. Latah Human Rights Task Force.

Invitations for the Martin Luther King Breakfast were distributed. Dr. Shirley Jackson, the Chair and Professor of the Black Studies Department at Portland State University, will be speaking on "From the Era of Civil Rights to the Era of Human Rights." Dr. Jackson will be speaking at the University of Idaho on Thursday, January 17th. The Task Force has issued a call for nominations for the Rosa Parks Award and another request for the Art and Essay Contest submittals. The due date for submittal is January 15th. Volunteers are needed. BookPeople will have an event for children on MLK Day and will host author Claire Rudolf Murphy. There will be a panel with young people. BookPeople would like winners of the MLK Breakfast awards to join them for the event.

B. Food Insecurity/Poverty on the Palouse and in Moscow.

A general meeting will be held on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. for the public. The steering committee met recently. A Facebook page has been created. There is information about events, the mobile food bank, recipes, etc. There will also be information on the Facebook page about where individuals can find help. The Palouse Clearwater Food Summit will be held on January 25th at the Latah County Fairgrounds. The topic of the event will be "Resistance and Regeneration of our Local Food System."

C. Pesticides in the City of Moscow Parks/Collaboration with Sustainability Commission.

More updates will be available in the spring.

10. Announcements/Other Business.

A. An emergency warming shelter has opened in Pullman at the new City Hall. Family Promise in Pullman is sponsoring the shelter. There will be a briefing on how to volunteer with this project on Thursday, December 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Karen Potter
Clerk/Deputy Signature