

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Tallent, Defne Yuksel, Steve Simmons, Erin Agidius, Jesse Martinez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Faunce, Jana Argersinger, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Elizabeth Stevens

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: James Fry Jr., Staff Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2020.

Agidius moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Simmons and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed and the following events were added:

- Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium, Speaker David Folkenflik, NPR correspondent, Monday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., UI Pitman Center International Ballroom
- Tutxinmepu Powwow, University of Idaho, Saturday, April 11, 2020, all day event

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

Simmons moved to sponsor the movie "Selma" at a date and time to be determined. The motion was seconded by Agidius and the motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report.

The Task Force has been working on the Living Voices presentation on February 26th for McDonald and Lena Whitmore Elementary Schools. They have also been helping with publicity for the Living Voices presentation, "Hear My Voice," sponsored by the Human Rights Commission on February 26 at 7 p.m. at the 1912 Center. The Task Force will be funding the transportation of students to the Rainbow Dance Theatre presentation of "Roots of Hip Hop" on Thursday, February 20, at Gladish Community Center in Pullman, WA. This event is sponsored by the Festival Dance.

2. HRC at the Market.

Two dates have been reserved for the Commission to host a table at the Farmer's Market: May 30th and August 22nd. Signup sheets will be distributed for help with these events.

3. High School Seat Voting.

City Supervisor Riedner is still checking on this.

4. Bias Reporting System

City Supervisor Riedner is still checking on this.

5. Voices of Moscow.

Surveys have been collected, and there were some valuable responses. Yuksel would like to publish the results in the spring. Suggestions for distributing the information were discussed:

- Collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce or a location downtown during Artwalk.
- Projecting responses on the screen at the Kenworthy at an event or during advertising times at events.
- Contacting the cinematography club at MHS to work with them.
- Providing resources or a resource booklet.

Responses will be shared with Commission members. Yuksel will host a booth at the Moscow Co-op with survey results.

6. Input to City Council on 5G Proposal

The City Council is looking for input from Commissioners about a 5G proposal. If Commissioners have any questions or comments, please let Faunce know so he can pass the information along.

7. Commission Survey Results

Assistant City Supervisor Pfiffner will distribute the Commission survey results in April.

8. Future Social Justice Forums and Events.

There was discussion regarding suggestions from the January meeting for future social justice forums. The UI will be hosting an event for UI staff and students regarding understanding the First Amendment and how to empower oneself to take action with boundaries. This two to three-hour event will be held in April. It may be possible to invite the speaker to present outside of the UI campus. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Food Insecurity / Poverty on the Palouse Update.

An update was provided from the last meeting of Poverty on the Palouse. There was also discussion regarding zero food waste and excess food at Greek houses, Sodexo, etc. and the possibility of it being packaged for those in need. In addition, there was a suggestion about customers rounding up bills when paying for meals and donating excess change to this effort as well.

10. Information from City Council – Councilmember Laflin.

Councilmember Laflin was not present for the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Karen Potter
Clerk / Deputy Signature