

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
January 19, 2021**

4:00 PM

**City Hall Council
Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Rula Awwad-Rafferty (virtual), Bekah Miller-MacPhee (virtual), David Pittsley (virtual), Jesse Martinez (virtual), Steve Simmons (virtual), Courtney LaFranchi (virtual), Jana Argersinger (virtual)

ABSENT: Elizabeth Stevens, Erin Agidius, Defne Yuksel

OTHERS: Maureen Laflin, City Liaison

STAFF: Chief James Fry Jr., Staff Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for December 15, 2020 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Argersinger moved and Miller-MacPhee seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

Review upcoming meetings and events.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Add/edit items to the calendar; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

The WSU MLK Keynote speaker, Bree Newsome Bass, will be speaking at a Zoom event on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, rather than Monday as listed on calendar. This event will be available for WSU staff and students only and will not be open to the public due to security issues. Faunce will let the Commissioners know if it is recorded. There were no other corrections to the calendar.

3. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

None offered.

REPORTS

1. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report.

The MLK Breakfast was held virtually on Saturday. There were 86 individual sign-ins, not including couples who viewed the presentation together. The Rosa Park Award winners were Kathy Sprague and Moscow High School student Laurel Hicke. Event speaker, Kurtis Robinson, experienced technical problems and was unable to sign in for the event. He will record his presentation and send it out. Contributions from the breakfast will be used for educational programs such as the Martin Essay Contest, which will be held in the spring and a Living Voices presentation for the schools in February. The topic of this presentation will be "Our Revolution" regarding black participation in the American Revolution. The task force would like to purchase an engraved plaque listing all Rosa Parks Award winners' names and display it in City Hall. City Supervisor Riedner will be contacted about this request.

2. Strengthening Relationships with Police & Community.

Suggestions for future panels included how our police manage to keep protests peaceful and citizen concerns and complaints about police. Fry and Martinez have been working with student focus groups on campus. The multicultural focus groups are building trust with students, and the students have starting sharing experiences from their hometowns and will be talking about what is happening in Moscow. There was discussion about restorative justice and finding presenters who will speak about utilizing restorative justice in the criminal justice system. The title of the event will be "Restorative Justice, Police and Tensions." The Latah County Human Rights Task Force may be interested in partnering on this project. It was noted that restorative justice can also relate to policing as well as to ethnic and tribal pain issues. The restorative justice event will be a separate from a panel about strengthening relationships with police and the community. Muneta and Faunce will meet about a tentative panel in March regarding relationships with police and community and will report back to the Commission.

3. Bias Reporting System.

This system is still in the planning stages. Faunce and Laflin will again meet with City Attorney Bautista who has been very busy with the City's mask ordinance. The long-term goal is to develop and utilize a Bias Reporting System for the city and expand it to the county.

4. Voices of Moscow.

A videographer is working on a video that will feature scenes of Moscow coupled with the survey results from the Voices of Moscow project.

5. Climate Mitigation Virtual Event.

There was no report.

6. Future Social Justice Forum: Restorative Justice.

An ad hoc committee is working to put together the first panel on restorative justice. Topics to be covered include: what restorative justice is, the philosophy of restorative justice, and the process people use for restorative justice. The committee will meet to discuss hosting two forums—one in early April and one in late April. After they meet, they will bring their findings back to the Commission

7. Food Insecurity / Poverty on the Palouse.

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk / Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chair