

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, Jana Argersinger, Meredith Metsker, Bruce Pitman, Erin Agidius, Elizabeth Stevens, Jesse Martinez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Defne Yuksel, Steve Simmons

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

1. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2019.

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

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed, and there were no changes.

3. Election of Human Rights Commission Chair.

Faunce was nominated to serve as Commission Chair. Tallent moved to elect Faunce as Commission Chair, Argersinger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Election of Human Rights Commission Vice-Chair.

Tallent was nominated to serve as Commission Chair. Argersinger moved to elect Tallent as Commission Vice-Chair, seconded by Kelly, and the motion carried.

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

The Sustainable Environment Commission asked for a representative from the Human Rights Commission to serve on a subcommittee in regards to climate change and how it specifically impacts Moscow and what can be done to alleviate it. The Sustainable Environment Commission would like a human rights voice. This position is open to any interested Commissioner members. Two representatives may be appointed and take turns attending meetings. This item will be on the agenda in January. Faunce will send out an email with dates and times and ask for volunteers. The meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

REPORTS

1. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report.

The theme for the MLK Breakfast is voting rights. Jeremy Woodson, Idaho ACLU, will be the speaker. The Task Force is partnering with the University of Idaho. Woodson will be speaking on Thursday, January 16, at the UI Pitman Center. The theme of his presentation will be "Activism and What You Can Do." Woodson will meet with high school students on Friday, January 17. The Art and Essay Contest is underway for the MLK Breakfast and the Task Force is accepting nominations for the Rosa Parks Award. Tickets can be purchased at BookPeople and Paradise Ridge CD's and Tapes. The Commission will provide a display at the breakfast.

The Task Force would like to collaborate with the Commission on Human Rights Day at the Market and also to serve on a subcommittee. This event is held in early September and children's activities will be offered at the event.

2. Member Term Limits.

There are currently three open positions on the Commission. Kelly, Metsker and Pitman will be leaving the Commission.

3. High School Seat Voting.

Faunce will be meeting with the City Supervisor regarding this topic.

4. Reporting System.

Faunce will be meeting with the City Supervisor about the Reporting System.

5. Voices of Moscow.

The survey process will close on December 31st.

6. Future Social Justice Forums and Events.

Ideas for future Social Justice Forums and events included:

- A showing of the movie, "Selma" at the Kenworthy Theatre on Feb. 9th as a Sunday matinee, depending on the Theatre's availability. A facilitated discussion may take place after the movie and questions will be answered.
- Voting as a human right.
- Living Voices is available for an evening program on "Women Suffrage" on Wednesday, February 26. The cost for the presentation is \$500.00 and can be held at the 1912 Center if the room is available. This item will be discussed further and a vote cast at the January meeting.

7. Food Insecurity / Poverty on the Palouse Update.

A report from the last meeting was provided. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on January 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room in City Hall.

8. Information from City Council – Councilmember Zabala

There was no report from Councilmember Zabala.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Campaigns for Sojourners Alliance's "Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge" and Family Promise are underway and accepting donations.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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City/Deputy Signature