

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
September 21, 2021**

4:00 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Jana Argersinger (virtual), Erin Agidius (virtual), Steve Simmons (virtual), Julia Parker (virtual), Elizabeth Stevens (virtual); Jesse Martinez (virtual)

ABSENT: David Pittsley, Matty Murphy, Rula Awwad-Rafferty

STAFF: Tyson Berrett, Staff Liaison; Maureen Laflin, Council Liaison (virtual); Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for August 17, 2021 (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 Simmons seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Seven. 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.

Additions to the calendar included:

- PrideFest, October 9, 2021, East City Park (no parade this year)

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.]

Following the food drive, the task force contributed \$2,000 to the Moscow Food Bank, \$2,000 to Westside Food Bank and \$1,000 to Weekend Food for Kids. The task force is working on the Art and Essay Contest topic which will be forwarded to teachers. Awards for the contest will be held in February 2022 at the 1912 Center, rather than at the MLK Breakfast. The 2022 MLK Breakfast theme will be “Mental Health Matters.”

2. Inclusive Communities Month

Activities for the month:

- A presentation by Terry Buffington on “Voting Rights from Jim Crow to Today” was held as the first Inclusive Communities Month event. There were about 36 attendees. The first black mayor of a Mississippi city attended virtually. A Zoom recording of the event will be held on the website.
- Tonight’s event will be an in-person presentation (and streamed as well) about “Inclusivity in Education” at 7:00 p.m. in the 1912 Center with Dr. Vanessa Anthony-Stevens.
- On September 30, Shared Legacies will be shown at the Kenworthy. This event will also be streamed. A Zoom webinar featuring the panel will be held after the showing. It will be broadcast on the Kenworthy’s large screen.

3. Sheikh Award Ceremony

Nominations are due by October 8. The event may or may not be in person but can be streamed. A reminder press release will be sent out in the next few days.

4. Restorative Justice Event

There were no updates. The subcommittee is waiting on email responses.

5. Voices of Moscow Video

Agidius was unable to touch up the video. Faunce will contact the videographer for a raw file.

6. Andrew Becker Memorial Artwork Panel

There was no update available.

7. Indigenous People’s Day

There were suggestions about alternative activities due to the rise in the variant. It was suggested that a recorded presentation might be produced by indigenous people and broadcasted.

8. HRC at the Market

The event had cooler weather and went well.

9. FemFest – UI Tabling Event

This event went well. There were many attendees who stopped by the table. The Commission may consider attending this event next year as well.

10. March to Defend Reproductive Freedom

This march is tied to the Women's March. Many groups have been invited to participate. Faunce cannot participate this year but invited other commissioners to attend and represent the Commission. There will be a planning meeting held at 6:45 p.m. at the Women's Center. Those interested should let Stevens know.

11. Food Insecurity

Pittsley contacted the City of Moscow Parks and Rec Department regarding community garden spots. The HIRC garden spots are full but those interested were invited people to put their names on the waiting list. Harvest Park does not have a community garden but will have an edible garden and education for the community. The Park will have planting rooms which can be adopted by groups to plant, maintain and harvest by the general public. There are no future plans for other community gardens. The Commission may sponsor a room in the future. Faunce will check into rules about commissions participating in such an effort.

The Westside Food Bank always needs volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Ken Faunce, Chair

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Planning Calendar

Thurs., Nov 4, 2021, 7:00 pm	Sheikh Award, ZOOM Ceremony
Tues., Nov 16, 2021, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Dec 21, 2021, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat., Jan 15 th , 2022, 9:00 am	MLK Jr. Human Rights Breakfast, Moscow Middle School
Tues., Jan 18, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Feb 15, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Mar 15, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Apr 19, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., May 17, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room