

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
December 21, 2021**

4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Erin Agidius, Steve Simmons, David Pittsley, Jana Argersinger, Morgan Chaffee
ABSENT: Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Jesse Martinez, Julia Parker, Elizabeth Stevens
STAFF: James Fry, Karen Potter

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for October 19, 2021 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Agidius moved and Argersinger seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Six. 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.

There are no changes or additions.

3. Sponsorship of Monica Ramirez Presentation (ACTION ITEM)

Vote to support the sponsorship of a presentation by Monica Ramirez, which is a Women's History Month and Farmworker Awareness Week event. Co-sponsors are the UI Women's Center and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP).

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to approve the HRC's sponsorship of the presentation by Monica Ramirez or provide staff further direction.

There was discussion. Agidius moved to sponsor the Monica Ramirez Presentation for \$1,000. Simmons seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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

Faunce reported the task force continues work on the MLK breakfast. There are no new details regarding a speaker for the breakfast. The task force is hoping to have an in-person event for 2022.

2. Sheikh Award

Kathy Sprague was the 2021 Sheikh Award winner. She was recognized for her work in the community as well as for setting up the Eastside Food Bank. The event was zoomed. The engraved plate for East City Park with Kathy's name is currently being manufactured. It will be attached to the rock monument when it is completed.

3. Restorative Justice Event

There was no update.

4. Andrew Becker Memorial Artwork Panel.

Awwad-Rafferty has been selected for this panel and has not heard from the selection committee regarding the status. The committee will be contacted for an update.

5. Food Insecurity

The Westside Food Bank still needs volunteers. There are about 30 former Hillcrest motel residents who were asked to leave when the motel sold. Some community organizations are helping these individuals. Some residents have been relocated to Lewiston.

7. Moscow As an Inclusive Community.

There was discussion about what things would help to make Moscow an inclusive community:

- Non-gender bathrooms. The City of Moscow has made quick fixes to make restrooms gender-neutral. Those restrooms needing major fixes will be filtered through the City budget and will take time. All future bathroom construction by the City will be gender-neutral.
- Bias Reporting System. There was discussion regarding coordination between the reporting systems for UI and the City to ensure accurate statistics. UI receives 2-3 reports a month. The development of a student consent form to share between UI and the City was discussed. Fry will contact City Attorney Mia Bautista about sharing the City's information for statistical purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk / Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chair