

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
January 18, 2022**

4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, David Pittsley, Morgan Chaffee, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Elizabeth Stevens

ABSENT: Erin Agidius, Steve Simmons, Jana Argersinger,

STAFF: James Fry (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for December 21, 2021 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Chaffee moved and Pittsley seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Five. 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. 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 a success with 90 attending by Zoom. The Art and Essay Contest is still open. The award presentation for the winners will be on February 27. Attendance will be limited to the winner's family.

2. Monica Ramirez Presentation

The Commission, along with the UI Women's Center, CAMP Program and others, is co-sponsoring a presentation by Monica Ramirez. The date for the presentation is to be determined.

3. Restorative Justice Event

There was no update on the Restorative Justice Event.

4. Andrew Becker Memorial Artwork Panel

There were no submissions for the memorial artwork. Some alternative options have been developed which the donor has expressed enthusiasm for. Approval will be sought by the Moscow Art Council and City Council for this new direction.

5. Anti-Semitism Incidents

Joann Muneta penned a letter regarding the anti-Semitism incident in Boise. Twenty-eight organizations signed the letter. It will be sent to the Governor, Lt. Governor, District V Legislators, and Congressional Delegates. The letter has been released in Boise. An ad may be placed in the Daily News. The Daily News will run the letter and will provide a link listing the names of those who signed it. There was discussion about requests to revive the Northwest Coalition of Human Rights.

6. Spring Social Justice Event

There was discussion regarding topics for future social justice events:

- COVID Health/Economic impact due to the inequities in health status and pushback on healthcare workers.
- There is much burnout and loss among healthcare workers. People are losing their jobs and people do not want to work.
- May is American Pacific Islander / Asian month. There was a suggestion to collaborate with the American Pacific Islander group by having a rally and speaker. An event could be held through Zoom or in person.
- Deprogramming white supremacists to understand where hate is coming from and what it takes to change.

7. Food Insecurity

There was no update.

8. Moscow as an Inclusive Community Discussion

This item is on the agenda each month for ideas /suggests to make Moscow more welcoming. Are there groups who do not feel safe or welcome? Are there any groups that need to be reached out to?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Juneteenth activities. Faunce will reach out to groups to see if there are any activities they might be interested in.
2. A suggestion was made for a monthly article or highlight in the Daily News regarding social justice forums and/or human rights efforts by the Commission. Faunce will contact the Daily News.
3. UI has an ideas group that is welcoming to everyone.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk / Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chair