HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday, February 15, 2022	**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, David Pittsley (virtual), Morgan Chaffee, Elizabeth Stevens (virtual), Steve Simmons (virtual), Jana Argersinger (virtual)
ABSENT: Erin Agidius, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Lysa Salsbury
STAFF: James Fry (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for January 18, 2022 (ACTION ITEM)**
   Minutes presented for approval.
   PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

One correction was noted:

Item 5, Sentence 2, under Anti-Semitism Incidents: Change to "Twenty-eight organizations signed the letter."

Stevens moved and Argersinger seconded to approve the amended 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.

Addition to the calendar: The MLK Art and Essay Contest Award Presentation will be on March 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the 1912 Center.

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 Update

The Art and Essay Contest Award Presentation has been changed to March 26 and will be held in-person. Mayor Bettge will speak at the presentation. The Chamber of Commerce will display the winning entries. The commission was invited to join the task force for their annual food drive held on August 6. The task force hopes to schedule Human Rights Day at the Market on September 3. Interest has been shown in reviving the Northwest Coalition for Human Rights.

2. Budget FY 2022 – 2023

Faunce emailed the FY 2022-2023 budget request letter for $6,000 to commissioners before the meeting. This is the standard amount the commission has requested in previous years.

3. Monica Ramirez Presentation

Monica Ramirez's Zoom presentation has been scheduled for Thursday, March 31, at 6 p.m. The UI Women's Center will be sending out the link to the meeting.

4. Restorative Justice Event

"Using art as tool" was suggested as a possible topic for a social justice forum. There were no other updates.

5. Andrew Becker Memorial Artwork Panel

An artist will be selected. The Moscow Arts Department is hopeful the display will be ready by fall Artwalk.

6. Anti-Semitism Incidents

Information was sent out to commissioners earlier this week regarding a white supremacist rally to be held in Hayden, Idaho. There may be a counter event.

7. Table at Farmer's Market

Faunce will provide requested dates for hosting a table at the Farmers Market to Fry.

8. Juneteenth Event

There were no updates.

9. Spring Social Justice Event

There was discussion regarding the theme for Inclusive Communities Month in September. One suggestion was "Healing Hate and Restorative Justice." The topic of reprogramming white supremacists would fit under this theme as well. Argersinger will contact Maureen Laflin about the possibility of going forth with this idea.

10. Food Insecurity

There was no update.

11. Daily News Column

The Daily News has not responded to Faunce's correspondence.

12. Moscow as an Inclusive Community Discussion

Fry talked to Mia Bautista, City of Moscow Attorney, about coordinating bias reporting incident statistics between the City and the UI. Faunce will contact Agidius in hopes the privacy law can be coordinated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There was discussion regarding the Voices of Moscow video and the possibility of cleaning it up so that it could be used. The Voices of Moscow flyer link on the HRC page of the City's website will be removed.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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Ken Faunce, Chair

Moscow Human Rights Commission

Planning Calendar

Wed., Mar 23, 2022, 5:00 pm	Charles Blow, UI Africana Studies Distinguished Speaker Series. Webinar.
Thurs., Mar 31, 2022, 6:00 pm	Monica Ramirez Presentation Zoom.
Thurs., April 14, 2022, 6:30 pm	Bree Newsome UI Zoom Webinar
Tues., Apr 19, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room
Tues., May 17, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room
Sun., Jun 19, 2022 TBD	Juneteenth Event
Tues., Jun 21, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Jul 19, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Aug 16, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room
Sept, 2022	Inclusive Community Month
Tues., Sep 20, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room
Mon, Oct 10, 2022	Indigenous People's Day
Tues., Oct 18, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Nov 15, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Dec 20, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1st Floor Conference Room