

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
March 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, Erin Agidius, Elizabeth Stevens, Jana Argersinger (virtual), Rula Awwad-Rafferty (virtual), Mickey Wuerth

ABSENT: Lysa Salsbury, Morgan Chaffee,

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for February 15, 2022 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

There were no corrections.

Stevens moved and Pittsley seconded to approve the amended minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Abstentions: One. 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.

An addition was made to the calendar:

- MLK Art and Essay Awards, March 26, 9:30 a.m., 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

There were wonderful submissions for the Art and Essay Contest. Three first place awards will be given to the middle school and three first place awards will be given to the high school. The task force is working on a theme for Human Rights Day at the Market.

2. Restorative Justice Event

There was discussion regarding possible activities for a restorative justice event. Building on the theme of healing the hate, Inclusive Communities Month will showcase possible events such as: a community walk, a community dinner, a movie, workshops, community conversations, and forums. Argersinger will also be connecting with the Braver Angels group. This topic will reoccur on the agenda.

3. Andrew Becker Memorial Artwork Panel

The family has chosen an artist and the artist has been approved by City Council. Work is progressing on the memorial.

4. Table at Farmers Market

The tentative dates of June 4, July 9 and August 27 for tabling events have been submitted to the Farmers Market for consideration.

5. Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event

Faunce has been working with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Asian-American Pacific Islander student group to co-sponsor the movie, "Bamboo and Barbed Wire," in April. The director of the movie, Karen Day, is willing to be part of a Zoom panel following the showing. The date of the showing at the Kenworthy will be either April 15 or April 30. There will be activities such as presentations, workshops and speakers at UI during May to recognize this month.

6. Juneteenth Event

Faunce has reached out to other organizations about what types of events are being planned for Juneteenth.

7. Spring Social Justice Event

The commission's spring Social Justice forum will be the showing of the movie, "Bamboo and Barbed Wire."

8. Daily News Column

The newspaper liked the idea of a column. The editor is away for spring break. Once he returns we will find out what the column will look like and how often it will run.

9. Moscow as an Inclusive Community Discussion

The issue of sharing of bias reporting information between the UI and the City has been rectified. The City may share with UI.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There was a white supremacist rally in Hayden Lake last weekend with a counter rally by the Human

Rights Education Institute. It was requested that anti-Semitism stay on the agenda for awareness. The revitalization of the Northwest Coalition of Human Rights will also help with awareness. A suggestion was made to bring back Stop the Hate training in conjunction with UI.

2. A Campus Community Forum will be held on April 5th at the UI Pitman Center from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The theme is "Reconnect, Review and Resilience."

3. Alternatives to Violence has openings for Board members.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk/Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chair