

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
April 19, 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, Erin Agidius, Elizabeth Stevens (virtual), Mickey Wuerth, Morgan Chafee, Tara Roberts, Lysa Salsbury

ABSENT: David Pittsley, Jana Argersinger, Rula Awward-Rafferty

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for March 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.

Agidius moved and Chafee seconded to approve the amended minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Seven. 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.

Additions to the calendar:

- August 6, Great Moscow Food Drive
- September 3, Human Rights Day at the Market
- October 4, Women's Center 50th Anniversary, 6-7:30 p.m., ICCU Arena – Main Campus, Ijeoma Oluo, author of the book, "So You Want to Talk about Race," will speak.

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 Great Moscow Food Drive will be held on Saturday, August 6, from 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in collaboration with the Commission. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts. Donations can be dropped off at tables at the Farmers Market and East City Park. There is a program in Montana, Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint, and Bonners Ferry called "Love Lives Here" which promotes inclusivity by organizations and non-profits. Joann Muneta suggested Moscow adopt a similar program with a different name and that the Commission be part of it. The program would fit well into Inclusive Communities Week in September. Muneta also suggested several organizations' which might be interested in being involved, including the Chamber of Commerce, University of Idaho, University of Idaho Women's Center and the Moscow Co-op. Wuerth and Roberts will be part of a steering committee with the Task Force to discuss a similar program that would be beneficial to Moscow.

2. Table at Farmer's Market

The Commission has a table reserved at the Farmer's Market on July 9 and August 20. A request for volunteers will be forthcoming as the dates get closer.

3. Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event. Film at Kenworthy, "Bamboo and Barbed Wire"

This event will be co-sponsored with the UI Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Asian-American Pacific Islander group. The film will be held at 6 p.m. on May 6th. The director of the film will introduce the showing and another person will answer questions by Zoom.

4. Juneteenth Event

The Commission will be hosting a Juneteenth event on Sunday, June 19, at Friendship Square from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. We will be partnering and co-sponsoring the event with the Black/African American Cultural Center's Africana Program. There will be a speaker and possibly some slam poetry. Friendship Square has been reserved and businesses which are supportive of Black Lives Matter will also attend. Chief Fry will reserve a sound system (speakers and a microphone) for the event.

5. Inclusive Communities Month, "Healing Hate and Restorative Justice"

Argersinger has been checking with the Braver Angels organization regarding a workshop. Braver Angels responded and said that their general mission/purpose does not fit with the restorative justice topic.

The Commission may bring them in at a later time. Maureen Laflin is still interested in restorative justice and is willing to still help. The Commission would like to have four events during Inclusive Communities Month. The following activities/topic were suggested for the month:

- A follow up event to the first restorative justice forum.
- Restorative justice and education (Argersinger)
- Recidivism and juvenile offenders (Wuerth)
- Stop the Hate Workshops (Agidius)

- Human Rights Education Institute, Coeur d'Alene, speaker
- Community Walk from East City Park to 1912 Center Potluck

6. Indigenous People's Day

Future event plans for Indigenous People's Day will be forthcoming.

7. Daily News Column

There is a possibility that the Commission will be contributing to a Daily News' editorial. There was nothing new to report on this item.

8. Anti-Semitism Occurrences

Awareness of hate groups in our region is needed. Task forces from Coeur d'Alene, Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, and Montana are having a Zoom meeting to talk about the book, "White Lies, White Power." Muneta would like to co-sponsor activities with these groups.

9. Moscow as an Inclusive Community

Juneteenth, the Pride Festival, and the Bias Reporting System all help to make Moscow more inclusive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Kristin Haltinner is working on a request to the City to change Indian Hills Park's name to be more welcoming and inclusive. She is putting together some history to see if there is interest. Permission from the tribe was granted to leave the name "Warbonnet Drive" as is.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Karen Potter
Clerk / Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chair