

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
May 17, 2022**

4:00 PM

**City Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Erin Agidius, Elizabeth Stevens, David Pittsley, Jana Argersinger, Rula Awward-Rafferty

ABSENT: Mickey Wuerth, Morgan Chafee, Tara Roberts, Lysa Salsbury, Kristin Haltinner

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

At the beginning of the meeting, Fry announced that Zoom would not longer be available for Commission meetings unless needed for an emergency for a quorum.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for April 19, 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 Pittsley 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.

Additions/changes to the calendar:

- August 27, Pride Festival
- September 3, Human Rights Day at the Market

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.

4. Sponsorship of MAMA Bear Film at the Kenworthy

Free Mom Hugs-Moscow has asked the Human Rights Commission to sponsor the film, "MAMA Bears." A vote will be taken on whether to support this sponsorship.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to approve the sponsorship of the film, MAMA Bears or provide staff further direction.

This film is about parenting LGBTQ children from a mother's point of view. Stevens moved and Agidius seconded to co-sponsor this move for \$200.00. Vote: Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Latah Human Rights Task Force Update

The dates for the food drive have been traded with the Commission's Day at the Market. The food drive is now on August 20. A sign-up sheet was provided. There will be two tables: one at Farmers Market and one at East City Park. The shifts are for two people and run 1.5 to 2 hours each.

2. Table at Farmer's Market

As mentioned above, the date for the table at Farmer's Market has been switched with the food drive. A sign-up sheet to help with the Commission's table at the market will be sent out for this event.

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

There were over 60 in attendance to this event. The film's director introduced the film and answered questions. ASUI provided snack boxes.

4. Juneteenth Event

This event will be held on June 19, 2022 from 1-4:00 p.m. at Friendship Square. One Word, Maialina, Café Artista and the Moscow Co-op will be selling food. The Africana Program and Black Students Union groups will be attending. Pullman will be hosting their own event. The task force will have a table. There will be a speaker and possibly music or spoken word poets.

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

Suggestions for possible events during Inclusive Communities Month were as follows:

- A workshop. Find an issue that is difficult for the community but not controversial such as the Oxford House. A workshop could bring people together to brainstorm.
- Speaker. Ask an individual who has made their way out of incarceration using restorative justice practices.

There was discussion about specific issues in our community such as individuals who are marginalized due to race and sexual orientation (LGBTQ). There will be a potluck either at the beginning or the end of the month. A Stop the Hate workshop may also be a possible event during the month.

6. Indigenous People's Day

An event will be held at Friendship Square. The Commission would like to bring in a drum group or a story teller.

7. Daily News Column

Faunce announced that commission members cannot write a column for the Daily News representing a City commission; however, they may write a column as an individual.

8. Renaming Indian Hills Park

Haltinner brought this issue to the Commission. Faunce checked with Native people in the area and they said the name "kind of makes them uncomfortable." We can request that the City change the name of the park; however, the developer would need to be contacted for changing the subdivision name, etc. More information is needed about the history of the naming of the subdivision, park, Platte, etc. For the future, it was suggested there be a policy in place when naming areas, parks, etc. so there are not anti-racism connotations.

9. Report on Hate Incidents

There have been white supremacist events which have taken place in our area in the last week. Statements made by the Biker Gang and Racist Outlaw Motorcycle Groups have stated they are going to meet the Coeur d'Alene Pride March attendees in June "head on." There have been local hate incidents such as an individual with a mask and signs in Moscow and church vandalism in Pullman. It was suggested invitations be sent to deans of each UI college to invite the faculty to Inclusive Community Month events.

10. Moscow as an Inclusive Community

Suggestions were made to help faculty and newcomers to the community feel welcome and not alienated. A way to let new people know about activities and things to do in the community needs to be explored. It was suggested that maybe the Town and Gown event might be an opportunity to work together with newcomers.

11. Welcoming Moscow Project

This project is a work in progress. An agreement will be needed to join. The Chamber of Commerce Director is interested. Various groups at UI and faith groups want to endorse it. The faith groups are taking the idea back to churches. There is a steering committee of 10 people. Roberts is on the committee and will be working on social media. A database, packets for businesses, and a logo are being considered. This will be a very basic, broad effort to reach businesses, organizations, non-profits and the faith community. There were suggestions for a decal. Fry will check with City administration to see if a logo contest can be included on the City website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

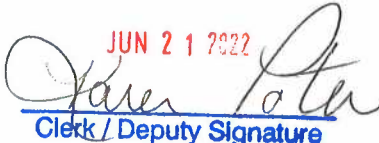
1. Community gardens. Iris Mayes has offered to talk to the Commission about gardening options available in our community. Pittsley will see if she is available to attend the July 19 meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Ken Faunce, Chair

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk / Deputy Signature