

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
June 21, 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, Jana Argersinger, Rula Awward-Rafferty, Lysa Salsbury, Morgan Chafee, Mickey Wuerth, Tara Roberts,

ABSENT: Kristin Haltinner, Elizabeth Stevens, David Pittsley,

STAFF: Tyson Berrett (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk),

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for May 17, 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: 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 were no additions/changes to the calendar.

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

Planning continues for Human Rights Day at the Market. Topics are being considered for the MLK Art and Essay Contest. The task force is working on the Moscow Together Project. They will be tabling at the Pride Rally.

2. Moscow Together Project

The Moscow Together Project draft proposal has been updated with suggestions from the Chamber of Commerce and the UI Diversity team. One of the suggestions was to ensure that the effort was non-partisan and non-political. The task force was also asked to define “inclusive.” Faunce will be meeting with Mayor Bettge once the Mayor returns from out of town. Organizers want to lay a solid groundwork without being divisive or adding to people’s concerns. In addition, they would like the project to be large and sustainable. The Commission is waiting for City Administration to advise if the City can add a logo contest on the City website.

3. Table at Farmers Market

The Commission will have a table at the Farmers Market on Saturday, July 9, and will be promoting the Bias Reporting System as well as Inclusive Communities Month.

4. HRC’s Report to the City Council

The Commission’s report to the City Council will be at the July 18th City Council Meeting.

5. Juneteenth Event

About 70 people attended and the event went well. There were poets. Mario Pile, Director of Black and African American Studies Center, was the keynote speaker. Next year, the Commission will collaborate with Pullman to host a Palouse Juneteenth event with activities in Moscow and in Pullman. Planning will begin in November.

6. Pride Festival

The Pride Festival will be held on August 27. The Commission will host a table.

7. MAMA Bear Film, Kenworthy Theatre

This film will be shown on Tuesday, June 28, at the Kenworthy.

8. Renaming Indian Hills Park

Haltinner will be working on this issue. She will research the history and collect data.

9. Inclusive Communities Month, “Healing Hate and Restorative Justice”

The following event has been finalized for Inclusive Communities Month:

- Speaker Marie Eddy. September 22, City Council Chambers. Marie will be speaking about growing up in a neo-Nazi family. Her father was a white supremacist and her parents divorced. There will be questions and answers and she will be promoting her mother's book.

Three other events are tentatively planned to recognize Inclusive Communities Month:

- Moscow Together Project rollout with a community dinner and possibly music.
- Restorative Justice Speaker. An event to follow-up the first social justice forum with a hands-on approach by providing a toolkit to bring the community together and connect on restorative justice practices.
- Stop the Hate Workshop

10. Indigenous People's Day

Planning has begun on hosting an Indigenous People's Day event in Friendship Square on October 10. There may be drummers and a storyteller or someone talking about culture. Faunce has reached out to a UI student group to see if they would like to do a fundraiser selling Indian tacos. The event is tentatively scheduled for 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

11. Report on Hate Incidents

There have been incidents in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. Faunce complemented MPD officers for attending the Juneteenth even and being unintrusive while making attendees feel safe.

12. Moscow as an Inclusive Community

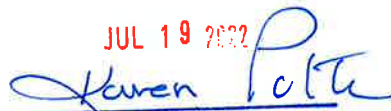
Faunce received communication from the Intermountain Fair Housing Council, which was forwarded to Agidius, regarding hate and harassment complaints from community members and University of Idaho students. This letter was sent to the Moscow City Council, the UI President, Mayor Bettge and Dean Kalb. The letter was vague. This item will be on the agenda for the July meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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 Clerk/Deputy Signature