

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
July 19, 2022**

4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Erin Agidius, Lysa Salsbury, Tara Roberts, David Pittsley, Elizabeth Stevens

ABSENT: Jana Argersinger, Rula Awward-Rafferty, Kristin Haltinner, Mickey Wuerth, Morgan Chafee

STAFF: Chief James Fry Jr. (staff liaison), Katie Short (deputy clerk)

GUESTS: Blaine Eckles, Yolanda Bisbee, Erin Tomlin

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for June 21, 2022 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Correction: Under Item 12, change first sentence to read:

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.

Agidius moved and Roberts 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.

Changes to the calendar included:

- Stop the Hate Workshop will start at 5:30 p.m.

- The Pride March will begin at 11:00 a.m. The festival begins at noon.

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 Task Force has been working on the Moscow Together Project. The Great Moscow Food Drive is coming up. Commissioners were asked to advertise the food drive on their social media accounts beginning August 1st. Approximately 140-150 food bags are being assembled each week for the Weekend Food for Kids Project that the food drive helps to support.

2. Moscow Together Project

The Mayor and the City attorney have approved the project proposal. Faunce is hopeful that the Administration Committee and City Council can review it in August. Faunce is working on a presentation for the Moscow Business Alliance and a roll out of the project at the Inclusive Communities potluck.

3. Discussion on Civil Rights/Fair Housing Complaints (Guest Yolanda Bisbee)

A letter was sent to the Mayor, City Council members, and the UI President from the Intermountain Fair Housing Council with a connection to the Department of Justice about perceived discrimination. The letter was very vague. UI President Green has expressed concern and would like more details so that concerns can be addressed. Fry will reach out to the City Attorney to determine if the letter requires a response or if more information can be obtained.

4. Table at Farmers Market

Three commissioners worked at the HRC table. There was a small incident which the Community Events Manager handled. The next tabling event is scheduled for August 6.

5. Pride Festival

Plans are complete, and it is ready to go. Faunce is looking to getting music to lead the march.

6. Renaming Indian Hills Park

Haltinner agreed to take it on but is still out of town.

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

The Inclusive Communities Month’s events are as follows:

- Community Potluck, September 8, 6:00 p.m. at the 1912 Center. Faunce will bring in a core set of food. Attendees are encouraged to bring in their own dishes.
- Stop the Hate Workshop, September 13, 5:30 p.m. Location to be determined.
- Speaker, Marie Eddy, City Council Chambers, September 22, 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Eddy will be speaking about her book and about growing up in hate.
- Tentative event: Restorative Justice Workshop on August 27th. Showing of a 50-minute video about a 16-year-old who is convinced by an older person they are dating to shoot family members so she can inherit their money. Discussion would focus on restorative justice, healing within the family and the community, how reentry into the community goes, and what they might do when they are released.

Several people have expressed interest in participating in the next restorative justice workshop and to possibly have a case study. Faunce said she will reach out to the UI law school to see if they would like to participate.

8. Indigenous People's Day

Plans continue for hosting an Indigenous People's Day event. Faunce has reached out to a student group at UI.

9. MAMA Bear Film, Kenworthy

This event had a good turnout. There were donations and door prizes.

10. Report on Hate Incidents and Responses in the Area

A 'Patriot Front' sticker near Lena Whitmore was removed.

11. Moscow as an Inclusive Community

Faunce would like to advertise the Bias Reporting System more. Many people do not know it exists. One of the hurdles identified at the Farmers Market is that some are apprehensive about contacting the police's non-emergency line in order to report an incident. Faunce will approach the City about putting it on their Facebook and social media. It was suggested that flyers be created for store fronts downtown. Faunce is working on something similar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

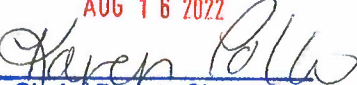
1. Stevens would like accessing reproductive health with the overturning of Roe vs. Wade and the possibility of Moscow being a sanctuary city to be included in the August agenda. The UI Woman's Center is planning an event for Tuesday, September 20, regarding this issue.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

Ken Faunce, Chairperson

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Clerk / Deputy Signature