

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
September 20, 2022**

4:00 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Erin Agidius, Elizabeth Stevens, Rula Awward-Rafferty, Kristin Haltinner, Morgan Chafee, David Pittsley,
ABSENT: Ken Faunce Lysa Salisbury, Tara Roberts, Jana Argersinger, Mickey Wuerth,
STAFF: Captain Tyson Berrett (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk), Sandra Kelly (council liaison)
GUEST: Iris Mayes, UI Extension Educator, Moscow, Idaho

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for August 20, 2022 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Agidius moved and Stevens 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.

The event calendar was reviewed and updated.

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 donated \$1,000 to Weekend Food for Kids, \$1,500 to the Moscow Food Bank, and \$1,600 to the Westside Food Pantry. Many people stopped at the display during Human Rights Day at the Farmers Market on September 3. The task force is working on a theme for the 2023 MLK Art and Essay Contest. They have been invited to participate in an information-gathering meeting in Coeur d'Alene on Friday, September 23, with Joshua Hurwit.

2. Moscow Together Project

The Latah Human Rights Task Force has continued to work on this project and is taking September off to evaluate how to proceed.

3. Food Insecurities / Community Gardens

Guest Iris Mayes provided handouts to attendees. Mayes would like to knit together the idea of gardening, education and food access with human rights. There was discussion about the following:

- Microgreens class
- Gardening program at Moscow High School
- Gardening, harvesting and preparing different cultural foods
- Little Free Gardens: coordinator needed
- Providing knowledge on how to prepare garden harvests
- Reaching out to different cultures in our community with information about preparation of local foods and teaching preparation of cultural foods to community members
- Food preparation classes at local food banks
- Educating on cooking with crockpots and/or instant pots

Funds, creativity, and volunteers are needed.

4. Renaming Indian Hills

Haltinner provided a handout which outlined the history, direction and challenges associated with this project. There was discussion. The Commission could partner with the schools by educating and sponsoring a naming contest with a Nimiipuu tribe member choosing the winner. It was suggested that after the park is renamed, displays could also be added to the park pertaining to the Nimiipuu tribe. The cost for the displays would be \$200- \$400.

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

There were 26 attendees at the potluck. La Casa Lopez donated food and the leftovers were taken to the diversity students. The Stop the Hate workshop went well with very engaged attendees. There are two more events: “Growing Up with Hate” with speaker Marie Eddy and “Restorative Justice in Idaho: Empowering Those Affected by Crime to Create Healing Solutions.”

6. Reproductive Rights

Commissioner Stevens would like the Commission to sponsor a directive for Moscow like the recent resolution of the Boise City Council. This resolution directed city funds and police department resources away from prosecution of legal abortion providers. Stevens will contact Chief Fry and City Attorney Vowels for a meeting and bring the language from the Boise City Council. Following meeting outcomes, the commission may send a similar suggestion to the Moscow City Council.

7. Restorative Justice Forum

The title of this forum is “Building Community with Restorative Practices.” Speakers will be Shane Hyde of the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Cari Fealy, Associate Dean of Students at UI; and Gary Dorr of the Nimiipuu tribe. Hyde will be asked to attend a commission meeting in October or November to talk about circle sessions and possibly conduct a small one at the meeting.

8. Pride Festival Report

The festival was packed with 700-800 attendees.

9. Indigenous People’s Day

Plans are moving forward. A student group will be selling food. The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. in Friendship Square.

10. Report on Hate Incidents

Joshua Hurwit, U.S. Attorney for Idaho, is implementing an Idaho version of President Biden’s United Against Hate Initiative. Hurwit would like stories that describe the hate activity experienced in our area and ideas of how to address, confront and reduce the activity. Faunce has shared some incidents from our community. Haltinner will be attending the meeting and has written a one-page paper providing information about hate in north Idaho.

11. Moscow as an Inclusive Community

Janet Richards, Moscow Human Needs Council, has invited commission members to join their Zoom meetings. Many community organizations participate. They also offered to provide minutes of their meetings.

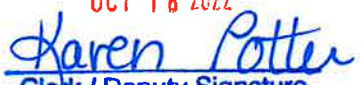
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Ken Faunce, Chairperson

Minutes Approved On

OCT 18 2022

Clerk / Deputy Signature