

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
October 18, 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, Rula Awward-Rafferty, Kristin Haltinner, Lysa Salisbury, Tara Roberts
ABSENT: Jana Argersinger, Mickey Wuerth, Morgan Chafee
STAFF: Captain Tyson Berrett (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk)
GUEST: Shane Hyde, Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for September 20, 2022 (ACTIONITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Item 7: Correction of name: Gary Dorr.

Item 7: Last sentence to read: *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 a meeting.

Agidius moved to and Awwad-Rafferty 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. Restorative Justice Session

Guest Shane Hyde explained the origin, purpose, and process of a Circle Process. Handouts were distributed. There was discussion regarding how the Circle Process might be used with restorative justice. A Circle exercise was conducted with attendees.

2. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report

Jones reported that the task force is currently working on the Art and Essay contest and MLK Breakfast. They are close to finalizing a theme with a focus on community.

3. Restorative Justice Forum

Shane Hyde and Cari Fealy will be presenting at the forum. It was suggested that a Circle Process be used as one of the processes shared. This event may be held around the first of December at the 1912 Center, if available.

4. Renaming Indian Hills

There was no update.

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

A video was shown at this last event of Inclusive Communities Month. Mark Ingram provided a critique of the film explaining positive and negative points. Audience members included law students, lawyers, judges and retired judges.

6. Reproductive Rights

Stevens approached Mayor Bettge about sponsoring a resolution similar to Boise’s City Council regarding the direction of city funds and police resources away from prosecution of legal abortion providers. The Mayor does not want act contrary to Idaho statutes and open the City up to litigation. Stevens will be approaching County Prosecutor Bill Thompson since felonies are investigated by the county and county commissioners do not have oversight of the sheriff’s office. Commissioners may contact the City Council acting as private citizens. Also, comments may be made at HRC meetings by Commission members as members of the public as long as they clarify they are not speaking in their role as a Commissioner. This item will continue to be part of the agenda.

7. Indigenous Peoples Day

There were 40-50 people in attendance. Presenter Gwen Carter suggested that next year's event be held during lunchtime with food provided and to invite Moscow High School students. Faunce stated that he would like to see the Mayor and more City Council members attend events—especially Juneteenth and Indigenous Peoples Day--to thank people for coming and to say hello.

8. Event Publicity

There was discussion regarding ways the Commission might publicize events. Roberts and Salsbury will be part of an ad hoc committee to strategize and explore publicity options and report back to the Commission. Potter will check with City Administration to see if Canva may be purchased with Commission funds.

9. Report on Hate Incidents / Moscow as an Inclusive Community

Two incidents were discussed—a Patriot Front sticker on a sign and a road rage incident in front of One World Café. Faunce has reported the sticker incident and Haltinner will report the road rage. Joshua Hurwit may come to Moscow to look at hate incidents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Haltinner provided background regarding efforts to establish a Mental Health Crisis Team for the City. She will be contacting local mental health professionals, police, Gritman Medical Center, and other cities to look into the possibility of establishing a volunteer social work team. Police can be intimidating for students when they show up at schools. This team could respond to and/or take over for police with mental health crisis calls.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Ken Faunce, Chairperson

Moscow Human Rights Commission

Planning Calendar

Tues., Jan 17, 2023, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat., Jan 21, 2023 9:00 am	MLK Human Rights Breakfast Moscow Middle School
Tues., Feb 21, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Mar 21, 2023, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Apr 18, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., May16, 2023, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Mon., Jun 19, 2023	Juneteenth
Tues., Jun 20, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Jul 18, 2023, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Aug 15, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sep, 2023	Inclusive Community Month
Tues., Sep 19, 2023, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Mon., Oct 9, 2023	Indigenous Peoples Day
Tues., Oct 17, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Nov21, 2023, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Dec 19, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room