

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
March 21, 2023**

4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Erin Agidius, Tara Roberts, Kristin Haltinner, Morgan Chaffee, Elijah Jones, Lysa Salsbury, Nick Smiley-Kallas
ABSENT: Mickey Wuerth, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Elizabeth Stevens, Lilly Hume, Jana Argersinger
STAFF: James Fry Jr. (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk), Hailey Lewis (City Council Liaison)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for January 17, 2023 (ACTIONITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

There were no changes to the minutes.

Agidius moved and Chaffee seconded to approve the amended minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for February 28, 2023 (ACTIONITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Change of spelling for Cari Feeley to Kari Feeley.

Agidius moved and Roberts seconded to approve the amended minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

3. 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.

Updates were made to the event calendar.

4. 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 County Human Rights Task Force Report – Joann Muneta

The MLK Art and Essay Awards were presented on February 11. There were 10 outstanding awards. Paradise Creek Regional High School submitted many entries. The task force was given an award at the Black Excellence Gala by the Black/African American Cultural Center. The task force co-sponsored a film at the Kenworthy on March 15, “A History of Hate: Hate Groups in Idaho.” A retreat is currently being planned to explore ways to expand and diversify membership and to be more effective. They have requested a table on August 5th at Farmers Market and will have the Great Moscow Food Drive at that time. The task force also requested Labor Day weekend for Human Rights Day at the Market but many members are planning to be gone so they have requested another date around that time.

2. Restorative Justice Forum

Argersinger and Awwad-Rafferty are planning to meet with Restorative Justice Forum speakers Shane Hyde and Kari Feeley in April to finalize details about the forum. There is no date set for the forum at this time.

3. “What are Human Rights?” Forum

This event was moved back to April 27. It will be held at the Lecompte Auditorium at the 1912 Center. There will be speakers and possibly a scenario or activity. More details to come in the future.

4. Collaboration with Girl Scout Troop on Human Rights Activities

Faunce met with Girl Scout Troop members (6-8th grade) who meet at the Methodist Church. The troop would like to earn a Silver Badge in social justice/human rights activities. Each member is required to work 50 hours. They decided on two projects:

(1) Creation of a free library with books available on human rights issues. They are currently working together with Jenny from the 1912 Center regarding a room at the Center to house the books inside.

(2) A portable tile mural. This project involves community members who will be painting diversity and equity-themed tiles. This display will be portable so it can be exhibited in different locations. The troop is currently researching locations for it. They may need to participate in fund raising and/or will need donations for materials, etc.

5. HRC at the Market

The Commission has submitted five tabling dates to the Farmers Market for consideration.

6. Inclusive Community Month Theme

There was discussion regarding possible themes for Inclusive Community Month. It was decided the theme would be “Belonging” which would be blended with or cover several areas such as accessibility and disability, transgender issues, etc. It was suggested the last event of the month include information about building a more inclusive community, what inclusivity looks like and/or what inclusivity could be in Moscow.

Additional suggestions for Inclusive Community Month’s events which were offered later in the meeting were:

- Mental Health First Aid training
- QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training
- A legislative update

7. Juneteenth Activities

This year’s Juneteenth activities will be combined and coordinated with WSU’s Diversity Office. Faunce will be in contact with WSU about planned activities.

8. Renaming Indian Hills Park

Haltinner is partnering with the Nez Perce Tribal members to build the vision and launch this project.

9. Reproductive Rights and Human Rights

There was no report.

10. Mental Health Crisis Team

When completed, Haltinner will distribute a document with her findings based on interviews regarding a Mental Health Crisis Team. There is currently a need for mental health professionals, social workers and trained crisis counselors as well as funding. It would be difficult to maintain staffing at this point. Everyone who has been interviewed is supportive. There is a shortage of those with a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree. It is hopeful that UI might also make this degree field available in the future rather than it being available only at one college in Idaho.

11. Event Publicity

Canva will be accessed through Commissioner's existing accounts. Students will be asked to make posters for the "What is Human Rights?" forum.

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

Bias Reporting System incidents have not been publicized recently and need to be brought to the forefront once again. The event publicity process will be used to inform and educate the community about the system as well. Students will be asked to redesign a poster for this effort. It may also be revitalized on Facebook.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The fire at Oxford House has displaced residents who are currently looking for housing and funding. Smiley-Kallas will keep the Commission updated.
2. Jones, as part of the Moscow High School Human Rights Club, reported the club is in the early planning stages of hosting a Human Rights Youth Conference. The group is hoping to get other schools to participate to bring students together for involvement in human rights locally. Jones requested suggestions for speakers, workshops and fund raising, etc. The theme will be "Local Action."

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

Ken Faunce, Chairperson

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Clerk / Deputy Signature