

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Becky Tallent, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Sophia Eck, Steve Simmons, Jana Argersinger, Bruce Pitman, Elizabeth Stevens, Meredith Metsker, Ari Carter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandra Kelly, Erin Aguidius

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: James Fry, Staff Liaison; Jim Boland, City Council Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2017.

Tallent moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Meredith Metsker and the motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar.

The calendar was reviewed and the following additions/changes were made:

- “Whose Streets” movie showing was changed from Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2018, to February 6
- Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m., Movie, “Three Billboards,” Kenworthy
- Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m., Mark Felt Movie, Kenworthy
- Thursday, February 1, 5:30 p.m., Food Security meeting, City Council Chambers
- Friday, February 9, 6:00 p.m., Fund Raiser for Sojourners Alliance, UU Church
- Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m., Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium, UI College of Law
- Thursday, February 1, 12:00 p.m., Recognizing Sexual Assault and Discrimination, Federal Building, hosted by Landeck, Forseth and Luna Law Firm.

3. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report.

The Martin Luther King Breakfast will be held this Saturday. There are exhibits at the 1912 Building of previous Art and Essay Contest winners from the elementary, junior high and high school. The library is showcasing the refugee display from Farmers Market. The Commission will be setting up a display for the breakfast on Friday at 5:00 p.m.

4. Northwest Coalition for Human Rights Report.

The Coalition is cleaning up their membership list and working to get the website off the ground.

5. Finding the Center Report.

Progress continues with conference arrangements. The committee is seeking workshop leaders and speakers. There is funding for this conference; however, donations will help provide a financial cushion.

6. Moscow Food Co-op Report – Event Collaboration.

The movie, “Food Chains,” will be shown on February 8. David Granastein, a UI extension agent, will speak regarding the importance and value of farm workers. Another speaker, presenting from the farm worker’s perspective, will also be scheduled. The movie is 1.25 hours in duration and will be held either April 3, 4, or 5 depending on the speakers and schedules.

7. UU Church Report – Event Collaboration.

Faunce will post the showing of “Whose Streets” on the City’s Facebook page and will share with others. Tallent will prepare a press release.

8. Sojourners Alliance Update.

Stevens is working on the fund raiser for Sojourners. The group is using office space provided by Family Promise. It will be several months until housing is ready to go.

9. Syringa Mobile Home Park.

The UI Department of Sociology and Anthropology is sponsoring an event for Syringa residents to share their experiences. It will be held on January 29 at the 1912 Building from 6-8 p.m.

10. Pesticides in City of Moscow Parks and Collaboration with the Sustainability Commission.

There was no report.

11. Food Insecurity in Moscow.

The Palouse-Clearwater Food Coalition will hold a Food Summit in Pullman on January 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Tables Project will present food insecurity challenges in the community. A meeting will be held in Moscow on February 1st. This meeting is designed to give people who are in need an opportunity to connect with people who desire to help. A follow-up meeting will be held on March 1st. It is hoped that a food bank will result from these efforts.

12. MHS Buddy Club Request.

The Commission received an email from the head of the Moscow High School Buddy Club (which works with students with disabilities) who asked for advice and help with a project to give back to the community. The group would like to purchase and install a wheelchair accessible swing at East City Park. It was suggested club members talk to the City Parks and Recreation Department. Faunce suggested the Commission contact Parks and Recreation as well. Disability Action Center might be willing to assist with fund raising, and the Commission might also contribute. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning to put in a pathway to make the picnic tables more accessible at the park. Currently, there is a dirt trail leading to this area.

13. Announcements/Other Business.

- a. The law firm of Landek, Forsyth and Lund is offering a presentation on recognizing sexual assault and discrimination. This event will be held on February 1st at noon in the Federal Building.

- b. There was discussion regarding a social justice forum in reference to healthcare and closing the Medicaid gap. A table with information about this issue will be available at the MLK breakfast. Argersinger and Pitman will meet and plan for a social justice forum in March on this subject. It was suggested Dan Schmidt be contacted to speak. A healthcare question was included in the City survey. There has been no word on survey results or when the data will be compiled.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment.

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Planning Calendar

Fri., March 2, 2018 6:00 pm	Education Forum: Health Care, City Council Chambers
Tues., Mar 20, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat.-Su., April 7-8 3:00 pm	Tutxinmepu Powwow, UI Kibbie Activity Center
Tues., April 10, 2018 6:30 pm	Movie "Food Chains" & Panel, Kenworthy Theatre
Tues., Apr 17, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., May 15, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Jun 19, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., July 17, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Aug 21, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Sep 18, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat., Sep 22, 2018, 8:00am-8:00pm	Finding the Center Conference, 1912 Center
Tues., Oct 16, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Nov 20, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Dec 18, 2018, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall: 1 st Floor Conference Room