

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
April 18, 2023**

4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Erin Agidius, Morgan Chaffee, Elijah Jones, Nick Smiley-Kallas, Lilly Hume, Ducati Schiff
ABSENT: Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Elizabeth Stevens, Jana Argersinger, Kristin Haltinner, Tara Roberts, Lysa Salisbury
STAFF: Tyson Berrett (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk), Hailey Lewis (City Council Liaison)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for March 21, 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. 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.

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 County Human Rights Task Force Report – Joann Muneta

A half-day retreat is planned for this Saturday, April 22, at 9:30 a.m. at the Best Western. Agidius will be attending. The Great Moscow Food Drive, planned for August, is a collaborative effort between the task force and the Commission.

2. Restorative Justice Forum

The next Restorative Justice Forum will be held on Tuesday, May 2, from 6-8:00 p.m. at the 1912 Center in the LeCompte Auditorium. This will be a “hands on” event with attendees beginning the forum in one large group and then breaking into two groups to work through a restorative justice practice. The issue addressed will be “Access to Healthcare.” The forum will wrap up with everyone meeting back together. Salsbury will create a flyer, and Roberts will prepare a press release and publish it on social media.

3. “What are Human Rights?” Forum

This forum has been rescheduled for the fall and may be used to launch Inclusive Communities Month.

4. Collaboration with Girl Scout Troop on Human Rights Activities

Collaboration is progressing as the troop puts together plans for their two projects. They are currently working on proposals and a budget. As soon as they are finished, the Commission will work with them to see how they can help.

5. HRC at the Market

The Commission is currently scheduled for two tabling events at the Farmers Market on June 17 and July 15. A table will also be requested for October 7. As the June date nears, Faunce will be asking for volunteers to work at the table from 8 a.m.-noon.

6. Inclusive Community Month

The theme for this year’s Inclusive Community Month will be “Belonging” which will encompass several issues. Commissioners were asked for suggestions of possible activities such as panels, speakers, movies, etc. Lewis suggested an activity to get to know your neighbors by encouraging others to meet neighbors who live on either side of them.

7. Juneteenth Activities

The Commission will be coordinating this event with Pullman and Washington State University, so interested individuals may attend both events. The Moscow activity will be from noon – 4:00 p.m. Possible activities will be:

- Two-three food vendors
- DJ
- Speakers
- Spoken word poets
- World musicians

- Exhibit by Moscow Contemporary
- Books sold by BookPeople
- Children's activities and the Art and Essay exhibit by the Latah County Human Rights Task Force
- Participation by the Moscow Food Co-op, businesses, UI offices, etc.

8. Moscow High School Human Rights Conference

The MHS Human Rights Club continues to reach out to groups to participate in the conference.

9. Renaming Indian Hills Park

There was no report.

10. Reproductive Rights and Human Rights

There was no report.

11. Mental Health Crisis Team

There was discussion regarding the future UI Memorial Garden. The garden is in the planning stages and may be designated for all Vandals which the community has lost.

12. Event Publicity

A process is now in place for creation and distribution of press releases and publicizing on social media, etc. as soon as information is available for an event.

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

Faunce will be attending the International Conference on the Study of Hate Conference at Gonzaga University on April 20-22. Mia Bautista, Moscow City Attorney, provided clarification on the Bias Incident Reporting System flyer. Incidents are not called hate crimes in Idaho Code, but rather "malicious harassment." Bautista also clarified that although an incident is a bias incident, it does not necessarily mean that it is malicious harassment or a hate crime. Police will still take a report regardless if it is a crime or not. A recent incident at a downtown business was also discussed regarding an individual who was harassing people. The police are aware of this incident and the individual.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Smiley-Kallas provided an update regarding the fire at the Oxford House. Housing has been provided for a short-term gap for the Oxford House residents. A long-term housing solution continues to be sought.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Ken Faunce, Chairperson

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Planning Calendar

Sat., Jun 17 th , 2023 8:00-12:00	HRC at the Market, Farmer's Market
Mon., Jun 19, 2023	Juneteenth
Tues., Jun 20, 2022, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat., Jul 15 th , 2023 8:00-12:00	HRC at the Market, Farmer's Market
Tues., Jul 18, 2023, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Sat., Aug 5 th , 2023 8:00-12:00	Great Moscow Food Drive
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