

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
August 15, 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, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Nick Smiley-Kallas, Jana Argersinger, Ducati Schiff, Tara Roberts, Lysa Salsbury, Elizabeth Stevens

ABSENT: Lilly Hume, Kristin Haltinner, Erin Agidius

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 July 18, 2023 (ACTION ITEM)

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.

Roberts moved and Salsbury seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Eight. 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. Participate in Letter with Latah County Human Rights Task Force Regarding Accessibility at the Palouse Mall (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to participate with the Latah County Human Rights Task Force in this effort; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

The Latah County Human Rights Task Force is composing a letter to the Palouse Mall requesting

additional accessibility to the mall. Currently, Target is the only handicap-accessible store.

Stevens moved and Argersinger seconded that the HRC participate in the letter. Vote: Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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 Human Rights Task Force Report – Joann Muneta

The Great Moscow Food Drive was a success. Five truck loads of food (including produce) was taken to local food banks. Donations of \$4,000 were divided between the Weekend Food for Kids Program and the food banks.

2. Pride Festival / March

Faunce will send out a signup sheet for volunteers for the HRC booth at the event. The UI band has been contacted to see if any band students would like to lead the march. FemFest will be held at the UI Women's Center on August 25, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There will be a table promoting HRC there as well.

3. Inclusive Community Month

- **“What are Human Rights” Forum** – Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m. Lecompte Auditorium, 1912 Center
- **Restorative Justice Forum** – Sept. 20, 6:00 p.m., –Lecompte Auditorium, 1912 Center
- **Kenworthy Movie** – Palouse Cult Film Revival will provide a film (either “Sisters Act” or “Too Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar”) will be shown on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.

4. Black Research Institute for Flourishing and Thriving (BRIFT)

The Idaho Humanities Council has sent questions to Sidney Freeman Jr., and Faunce will assist him with providing answers.

5. Renaming Indian Hills Park

There was no report.

6. Reproductive Rights and Human Rights

Faunce forwarded an email sent previously to commission members regarding Peacekeeper training which teaches de-escalation practices as the first line of defense for anti-abortion protesters. Ten people are needed for a stage production at the Kenworthy on October 15. Fry will request extra patrols.

7. Mental Health Crisis Team

There was no report.

8. Event Publicity

Information for Indigenous People Day (October 9th) should be send to Roberts by the end of September or earlier.

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

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Sheikh Award

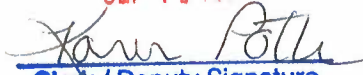
The commission will host the biennial Sheikh Award in November at the 1912 Center. More information will be available at the September meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk / Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chairperson