

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
September 19, 2023**

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, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Jana Argersinger, Lysa Salsbury, Lilly Hume
ABSENT: Kristin Haltinner, Nick Smiley-Kallas, Ducati Schiff, Tara Roberts, Elizabeth Stevens
STAFF: James Fry Jr. (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk), Sandra Kelly (City Council Liaison)
GUEST: Alan Rose (Latah County Human Rights Task Force)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for August 15, 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.

Agidius moved and Awwad-Rafferty seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Five. 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 Human Rights Task Force Report – Joann Muneta

Human Rights Day at the Market will be held on September 23. The theme for the table will be “Celebrating Libraries.” The task force is sponsoring the Pro-Voice project. They will also be working with Haltinner’s University of Idaho Race and Ethnicity Class.

2. Letter to Palouse Mall with Latah County Human Rights Task Force – Alan Rose

Alan Rose, representing the task force, spoke about the letter to the Palouse Mall which was sent previously to commissioners by email. Currently, there is only one door to the mall which has an accessible entry. The mall will be asked to install universally accessible doors for three entrances. There was discussion regarding proposed changes to the letter such as the benefits of providing accessible entries, mentioning ways to support, etc.

3. Pride Festival / March

The festival and march were very successful. The march had a large attendance and some participants joined in as the group marched through downtown.

4. Inclusive Community Month

a. Restorative Justice Forum

This forum will be held on September 20th at the 1912 Center at 7:00 p.m. Erin Tomlin from the UI Law School will help with the event.

b. Kenworthy Movie

The movie, “Two Wong Foo,” had an attendance of 118 people on September 5.

5. Sheikh Award

The Sheikh Award will be held on November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the 1912 Center’s Reception Gallery. Nominations are due Friday, October 6, and will be circulated by email. A vote will be taken at the meeting on October 17. The press release calling for nominations will be forwarded to the commissioners by email.

6. Renaming Indian Hills Park

There was no report. Haltinner’s class is working on this project.

7. Pro-Voice Project

Peacekeeper training will be held at the Unitarian Church, on Sunday, October 15, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. More information is to come regarding this event.

8. Indigenous People's Day

A movie, "Rumble: Indians Who Rocked the World" will be held on October 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenworthy to celebrate Indigenous People's Day. The Kenworthy will create a poster.

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

Bev Bafus, Café Artista, reported that political and white supremacist flags were displayed at the Palouse Mall. If incidents occur on the mall property (which is private) they may or may not be trespassed due to the discretion of the mall owner. However, if they are on the City's right of way located on the edge of the mall, the City may trespass in this case.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

OCT 17 2023


Clerk / Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chairperson