

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday,
November 21, 2023

4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Erin Agidius, Lysa Salsbury, Ducati Schiff, Tara Roberts, Nick Smiley-Kallas, Jana Argersinger, Elizabeth Stevens

ABSENT: Ken Faunce, Kristin Haltinner, Lilly Hume, Rula Awwad-Rafferty

STAFF: Tyson Berrett (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk), Julia Parker (City Council Liaison)

Vice Chair Agidius called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for October 17, 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 was one change to the minutes under Reports, Item 5: *The Kenworthy was full with about 170 in attendance.*

Roberts moved to accept the minutes as amended, and Argersinger seconded the motion. 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

Nominations for the Rosa Parks Award are now open. One youth and one community member will be recognized. Nomination requirements for youth include showing promise in the community. Adults' nominations will be based on their history of activities and courage. Nominations should be one page long, and instructions for submitting nominations by email are available on the website. The MLK Breakfast is in the early stages of planning. The planning committee will work with Haltinner's class, Moscow Together, and a Moscow High School Human Rights Club student.

2. Sheikh Award

Dr. Sydney Freeman Jr. gave a great acceptance speech. The event went well.

3. Renaming Indian Hills Park

Haltinner did not attend the meeting but sent information to the Commission, which Agidius read. Haltinner's students have done their research for the action project and should be in contact with the Commission soon.

4. Future Social Justice Forums

Agidius suggested the Commission plan for only two other events this year, which tie into previously discussed topics. Suggestions included:

- Another Human Rights 101 Class about human rights and their importance. Council Liaison Parker may take on this task.
- Showcase human rights differences and similarities at the international, national, state, county, and local levels.
- Speakers from the World Relief Refugee Center, the Human Rights Institute in Coeur d'Alene, the Latah Human Rights Task Force, and the Poverty Law Center. An honorarium for speakers was suggested, and Agidius stated she would like to keep it a low-cost event.

It was noted that Sexual Awareness Month is in April, Human Rights Day is in December, and Black History Month is in February.

This item will be added to the December agenda to discuss more structured plans and speakers.

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

There was no report.

Muneta mentioned that the letter to the Palouse Mall was returned due to an insufficient address and would be hand-delivered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Erin Agidius, Vice Chair

Moscow Human Rights Commission

Planning Calendar

Tues., Jan, 16, 2024, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Jan, 2024 9:00 am	MLK Jr. Breakfast
Tues., Feb, 20, 2024, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Mar 19, 2024, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Apr, 16, 2024, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., May, 21, 2024 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Jun, 18, 2024, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Wed., Jun 19, 2024	Juneteenth
Tues., Jul, 16, 2024 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Aug, 20, 2024 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Sep, 17, 2024 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Mon., Oct 14, 2024	Indigenous People's Day
Tues., Oct 15, 2024, 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Nov 19, 2024 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room
Tues., Dec 17, 2024 4:00 pm	Monthly Meeting-City Hall 1 st Floor Conference Room