

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
December 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, Lysa Salsbury, Tara Roberts, Nick Smiley-Kallas, Elizabeth Stevens, Rula Awwad-Rafferty

ABSENT: Kristin Haltinner, Ducati Schiff, Jana Argersinger

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 November 21, 2023 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Agidius moved to accept the minutes, and Smiley-Kallas 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

Registration for the MLK Human Rights Breakfast is open. In-person attendance is limited to 100. It will also be streamed. Mario Pyle will be speaking. Rosa Parks Human Rights Achievement Awards for community and youth are due January 10.

2. Renaming Indian Hills Park

There was no report.

3. Future Social Justice Forums

Muneta asked for content clarification for potential Human Rights 101 class speakers. Stevens suggested the following:

- Tying the forum to the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Defining the history of human rights.
- What is happening with human rights, and why is it essential on the local/national/international level
- What is coming in the future?
- How others could get involved.
- Ask the question: What other issues do you want to know about?

There was discussion. It was also suggested that the forum provide attendees with a landscape view of human rights and what organizations are working to advance human rights. It was also recommended that indigenous people's rights be tied into this and provide a segue to Indigenous Peoples Day. Stevens will choose a date and venue and type up a three-point structure for the forum to include indigenous people and actions to be taken.

The following will be contacted for potential speakers:

- Human Rights Education Institute in Coeur 'Alene (Smiley-Kallas)
- Bill Smith and Romuald Afatchao, Martin Institute (Roberts)
- Laura Laumatia and Dylan Hidden Nicely (Awwad-Rafferty)
- Nez Perce Tribe member (Awwad-Rafferty)

The commission would like to schedule this event for February or March.

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

Awwad-Rafferty shared incidents at two UI football games regarding biased-based comments from fans. She will forward the comments to the UI Bias Reporting Team for review. Roberts will draft a letter from the commission to UI Athletics calling for collaboration and asking how

the commission might help promote kindness and an inclusive community at sporting events. Once finalized, the letter will be sent to City Administration for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Sydney Freeman Jr. and Colin Mannex have asked for commission sponsorship of an event with the National Black Leadership Alliance in February to energize residents and black business owners. There was discussion. The commission will vote to sponsor this event for \$300 at the January HRC meeting. Once voted, event details will be forwarded to City administration for final approval.

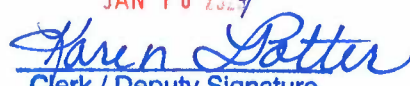
Departing Chair Faunce was presented with a plaque from the City of Moscow by Chief Fry, and attendees enjoyed refreshments.

Elections for chair and vice chair will be at the January 2024 meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk / Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chair