

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
January 16, 2024**

4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Tara Roberts, Elizabeth Stevens, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Ducati Schiff, Jana Argersinger, Erin Agidius

ABSENT: Lysa Salisbury, Nick Smiley-Kallas

STAFF: James Fry Jr. (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk), Bryce Blankenship (City Council Liaison)

Vice Chair Agidius was running late; Awwad-Rafferty volunteered to chair the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for December 19, 2023 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Stevens moved to accept the minutes, and Roberts seconded the motion. 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. 2024 MLK Breakfast Sponsorship (ACTION ITEM)

Vote to approve sponsorship of the MLK Breakfast for \$750.00.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to approve sponsorship of the above event; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

This event was approved by City Administration prior to the meeting.

Stevens moved to sponsor the MLK Breakfast for \$750.00, and Argersinger seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. National Black Leadership Alliance Event in February.

Vote to sponsor an event with the National Black Leadership Alliance.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to sponsor the above event for \$300.00; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

The following was read from the Idaho Black Community Alliance website: The Idaho Black Community Alliance, a nonprofit 501c3 organization, is committed to the promotion and preservation of Black Culture and Community in Idaho. Our overarching goal is to identify, engage, and empower both youth and adults through education and meaningful connections, with a specific focus on fostering Black businesses, supporting Black professionals, engaging the community, and actively promoting and preserving our rich cultural heritage.

This event will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024, from 7-8 p.m. at the Kenworthy, in the backstage reception area. It was approved by City Administration prior to the meeting.

Roberts moved to sponsor the Idaho Black Community Alliance event for \$300.00, and Stevens seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)

Nomination and election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair positions.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Elect individuals to fill the above positions or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Agidius was nominated as Commission Chair.

Awwad-Rafferty moved, and Roberts seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Stevens was nominated as Commission Vice Chair.

Argersinger moved, and Roberts seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

6. 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

All 220 seats for the MLK Breakfast have been spoken for. A Zoom link will be available. The event is free, and the hot breakfast is sponsored by Tim Gresback. Art and Essay Contest submittals are due on January 25. The theme of the contest is “Freedom of Expression—Celebrating our Libraries.” The awards will be presented on February 10 in the Lecompte Auditorium. The goal of this contest is to encourage students to think about Martin Luther King's issues as they relate to their lives. The Latah County Human Rights Task Force is also sponsoring the Idaho Black Community Alliance event on February 4.

2. Human Rights 101 – Social Justice Forum

Arrangements for event speakers continue. As soon as panelists are finalized, Steven will find a venue. The forum is slated for March, contingent on venue and speaker availability.

3. Renaming Indian Hills Park

There was no report.

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

Awwad-Rafferty and Roberts will continue to follow up on the incidents from the football games.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Awwad-Rafferty, Acting Chair

Moscow Human Rights Commission

2024 Planning Calendar

Event	Day of Week	Date	Time	Location
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	Feb. 20th	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	March 19 th	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	April 16 th	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Social Justice Forum - Human Rights 101	Wed.	April 3rd	7 p.m.	City Council Chambers
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	May 21 st	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	June 18th	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Juneteenth	Wed.	June 19th		
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	July 16	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Great Moscow Food Drive	Sat.	August 3rd	8:00 a.m. - Noon	Farmers Market
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	August 20th	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Inclusive Communities Month		September		
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	September 17	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Indigenous People's Day	Mon.	Oct. 14		
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	Oct. 15	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	Nov. 19	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	Dec. 17	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.