

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
June 18, 2024**

4:00 PM

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

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

PRESENT: Elizabeth Stevens, Jana Argersinger, Nick Smiley-Kallas (Zoom), Emily Mowrer, Greg Meyer, Rula Awwad-Rafferty
ABSENT: Tara Roberts, Erin Agidius, Jonathan Hukill, Ducati Schiff,
STAFF: Anthony Dahlinger (staff liaison), Crista Vanovermeer (deputy clerk)
GUESTS: Erin Columbo and Steven Riggelman, Latah Recovery Center

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for May 21, 2024 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Mowrer moved to accept the corrected minutes, and Argersinger seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Six. 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.

The following event was added to the calendar:

Human Rights Day at the Market (LCHRTF) – Sept. 2

3. Purchase of Promotional Material for Events (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to approve \$200.00 for purchasing promotional materials to hand out at events; or provide staff further direction.

Awwad-Rafferty moved to approve \$200.00 to purchase promotional materials for the Commission, and Meyer seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Six. 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 Recovery Center

Erin Columbo and Steven Rigglesman, of Latah Recovery Center, provided an update about the Center. The center is working to increase Narcan availability at local and rural clinics and is growing its internship program. The Vandal Recovery Center provides crisis counseling and drug testing strips. The Oxford House will reopen next week, and a Recovery Festival is planned for September.

2. Latah County Human Rights Task Force

Help is needed for the Great Moscow Food Drive on August 3rd.

3. HRC Day at the Market – June 29

Smiley-Kallas shared a link to sign up for the event. There will also be handouts and flyers available.

4. Subcommittee Report – Marketing and Messaging

A banner has been ordered. Buttons will be created and handed out on HRC Day at the Market.

5. Human Trafficking Exhibit

The exhibit's theme is "Design Against Trafficking," which locates and photographs spaces that "support" trafficking to bring awareness. Awwad-Rafferty would like to partner with the City of Moscow and the Moscow Police Department to raise awareness and curtail trafficking. Awwad-Rafferty and Dahlinger will meet in the future. Support of the project by the Commission includes looking at areas of focus and serving on panels. This item will stay on the agenda.

6. Food Insecurity

Smiley-Kallas is seeking contacts on this issue, including David Shaw. Argersinger expressed interest in helping with this project.

7. Gritman Medical Center Accessibility

There was no report.

8. Support for Library Bill (Post Hoc Statement) – Argersinger

An ad hoc statement is needed to frame support for the library resolution, which has already passed. Stevens noted that libraries support representation and invite all people in.

9. Renaming Indian Hills Park

There was no report.

10. Inclusive Communities Month.

Mowrer suggested a subcommittee for this event. A theme is also needed. There will be one event for each week during the month of September. In the past, there have been films, forums, panels, speakers, and a potluck. A reinstatement of the Community Unity Walk was also suggested.

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

An incident brought to the police department's attention was forwarded to the HRC Chair. There was no follow-up due to the lack of information provided.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Elizabeth Stevens, Co-Chair

