

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
August 20, 2024**

4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m.

PRESENT: Elizabeth Stevens (Zoom), Jana Argersinger, Nick Smiley-Kallas, Emily Mowrer, Greg Meyer, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Jonathan Hukill

ABSENT: Erin Agidius, Tara Roberts, Julia Keleher, Ducati Schiff

STAFF: Joe Sieverding (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk), Bryce Blankenship (council liaison)

In the chair's absence, Greg Meyer led the meeting. The meeting opened with an introduction of staff liaison Joe Sieverding, substituting for Anthony Dahlinger, who is out of town.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for July 16, 2024 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Smiley-Kallas moved to accept the minutes, 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 calendar.

3. Sponsorship of the United Against Hate Forum (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to approve up to \$600.00 for co-sponsorship of the United Against Hate Forum; or provide staff further direction.

Joshua Hurwit, US Attorney for Idaho, is collaborating with the task force on this event. An outline and flyer for the forum were made available to attendees. Law enforcement, local organizations, and individuals will participate. The Latah County Human Rights Task Force will pay for the

venue and has asked the commission to purchase and serve refreshments. There will also be a tribal circle. Inclusive Communities Month's events will be publicized separately as well as a part of Inclusive Communities Month's announcements. This event will be held on Monday, September 16, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the 1912 Center.

Mowrer moved to approve up to \$600 for co-sponsorship of the United Against Hate Forum to fund refreshments, and Awwad-Rafferty seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. Host the Braver Angels Workshop (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to host the Braver Angels Workshop or provide staff further direction.

The event tasks and publicity for the workshop were discussed. Argersinger will be out of the country for much of September. The event may be rescheduled. Argersinger will correspond with commission members by email. A request for approval will be sent to City Administration. The Braver Angels Workshop will be held in the 1912 Center on Monday, September 28, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Awaad-Rafferty moved to approve up to \$450 for sponsorship of the Braver Angels Workshop to fund refreshments and venue costs, and Smiley-Kallas seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. 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

The food drive was a success. Three vans of preserved food and fresh produce were donated. The donations will be split between the Westside Pantry, the Moscow Food Bank, the Deary Food Bank, and Weekend Food for Kids. The task force is planning for Human Rights Day at the Market on September 7. The theme will be "Diversity in Human Rights." The task force will ask attendees questions about diversity, and these responses will be taken to the United Against Hate Forum.

2. Subcommittee Report – Marketing and Messaging

This subcommittee will handle the marketing and public relations for Inclusive Communities Month and each associated event.

3. Human Trafficking Exhibit

No report.

4. Food Insecurity

No report.

5. Gritman Medical Center Accessibility Letter – Agidius / Roberts

Hukill has a working draft of a letter and will correspond with Agidius and Roberts.

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

Argersinger will be working on this letter after the workshop in September.

7. Renaming Indian Hills Park

Smiley-Kallas stated that developers named the park so the name may not carry cultural significance. He will continue to follow up by email.

8. Inclusive Communities Month.

Progress has been made on developing events as follows:

- United Against Hate Forum
- Braver Angels Workshop
- Community Potluck

Awwad-Rafferty is still working on a CommunityUnity walk. There was a brief discussion about moving this event month to another time of year.

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

There were none reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Supervisor Bill Belknap will attend the September meeting to discuss processes for commissions. Corey Oglesby, media specialist, will also attend to provide guidance regarding the city, press releases, social media, etc.

2. The commission will host a table at the Pride Festival from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The parade will start at the Federal Building at 11:30 a.m. Those who are interested in participating should be there at 11:00 a.m. to march at East City Park.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Greg Meyer, Acting Chair

