

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
June 17, 2025**

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, Vanessa Stevens, Emily Mowrer, John Freeland, Jim Huggins, Tara Roberts, Jana Argersinger, Nicholas Smiley-Kallas
ABSENT: Elizabeth Stevens, Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Jonathan Hukill
STAFF: Dustin Blaker (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Mission of the Human Rights Commission

The mission statement was read at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for May 20, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Huggins moved to accept the minutes, and V. Stevens seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

3. 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.

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.

REPORTS

1. **Latah County Human Rights Task Force Report**

There was no report.

2. **HRC at the Market – May 24**

Many people visited the commission table and signed up for HRC notifications. The buttons were very popular. Additionally, many expressed interest in volunteering and donating. Because city commissions cannot accept donations, those wishing to contribute in the future will be directed to other community-based organizations, such as the Latah County Human Rights Task Force. It was suggested that when needed, a call for volunteers be sent out via the notification list for assistance with events, etc.

3. **Juneteenth**

The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Music will be provided by a DJ, and food will be served. Roberts will pick up the canopy from the police department, Argersinger will manage the tabling, and Mowrer will provide buttons. Washington State University, the City of Pullman, and the Palouse Empowering Diversity, Justice and Equity (EDJE) are all involved in the event. Councilmember Kelly has provided a statement to be read since other city officials were unavailable or out of town for the event.

4. **Subcommittee Report – Inclusive Communities Month – Roberts, Freeland, Mowrer, and Awaad-Rafferty**

Roberts will correspond with the committee via email for a status update. She will also submit a sponsorship form for the dinner.

5. **Supporting Immigrants, Undocumented People, and Related Groups in the Community - Agidius**

No update.

6. **Subcommittee Report – Human Relations Programs Support – Awwad-Rafferty, Argersinger, E. Stevens, and V. Stevens**

Mowrer will research nametags for purchase for commissioners to wear at community and campus events.

7. **De-escalation Education – Agidius**

No update.

8. **Subcommittee Report – Marketing and Messaging – Roberts**

Three events are upcoming: Inclusive Communities Month, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and the Great Moscow Food Drive.

9. **Human Trafficking Exhibit – Awwad-Rafferty**

No report.

10. **Strengthening the Relationship between the City of Moscow and Tribes – Awwad-**

Rafferty and V. Stevens

Bill Belknap will discuss this matter at the July meeting.

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

No incidents were reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The commission would like to discuss the possibility of applying for “welcoming city status” at their next meeting. This will be added to the agenda.

Fourth of July Parade. There was discussion about a city-initiated parade instead of a 4th of July parade hosted by a private party. In the past, the city's 4th of July Parade took place on a non-holiday to avoid excessive overtime costs for city personnel. This item will be added to the July agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Erin Agidius, Chair

