

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Tuesday
May 19, 2026

5:15 PM

Haddock Building
504 S Washington Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)**

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. **Election of Commission Chair for the Remainder of 2026 (ACTION ITEM)**

Eija Sumner resigned from the Commission, effective June. A new Chair needs to be elected.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Nominate and elect a Chair and other positions as necessary.

3. **Public Comment**

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.

4. **Intermountain Fair Housing Training Discussion**

The Commission will discuss the 2026 training and start planning for next year.

5. **Fair & Affordable Housing Commission Duties Review (ACTION ITEM)**

Review the assigned duties of the Commission, according to Moscow City Code 3-6-2, and discuss upcoming goals and actions.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Review the Commission's Powers and Duties and provide Staff with further direction as deemed necessary.

REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next Fair & Affordable Housing Commission meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026.

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~Minutes~

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Albaitero called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Juan Albaitero, Vice Chair; Randy Baukol, Jo Ellen Force, Ellen Peterson, Nathan Tupper, Jennifer Wallace
MEMBERS ABSENT: Leah Halterman, Eija Sumner
OTHERS: Drew Davis
STAFF: Lucy Falcy

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Force moved for approval of the minutes as amended, seconded by Baukol. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

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Carol Wells, Moscow, introduced herself to the Commission as an observer.

3. 2026 Idaho House Bill 557 Letter Update – Eija Sumner

Chair to share letter sent to City Council regarding the proposed 2026 Idaho House Bill 557.

Staff informed the Commission that a letter regarding Idaho House Bill 557 has been sent to City Administration on their behalf.

4. Moscow Housing Authority Letter Update – Eija Sumner

Chair to share memo attached to September 24, 2025 Moscow Housing Authority letter for resending to Council.

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

5. Annual Commission Presentation to City Council (ACTION ITEM)

Discussion of 2025 Commission actions and upcoming presentation to Council on April 20th.

The Commissioners had a few suggestions for items that should be included in the presentation to Council.

Peterson moved to nominate the Commission Chair to present the update with Staff, seconded by Wallace. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

6. IFHC Training Update (ACTION ITEM)

The Intermountain Fair Housing Commission (IFHC) training session is set for April 22, 2026 from 9:30-3:00pm at the 1912 Center. Topics to include; fair housing act history; fair housing allegations; hot topics/cases; reasonable accommodations and modifications.

The Commissioners discussed preparations for the IFHC Fair Housing Training scheduled for later in April.

Peterson moved to direct Staff to prepare for the Fair Housing Training as discussed, seconded by Tupper. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

7. Hills & Rivers Housing Trust Update – Nils Peterson

Executive Director for Hills and Rivers Housing Trust, Nils Peterson, will provide an update on work being done on the Palouse.

Nils Peterson provided an update on the work that Hills and Rivers Housing Trust have been doing, as described above. He recommended the Commission add the book “Escaping the Housing Trap” to their professional development material.

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Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre screening of “Tiny Homes, Big Ideas: Exploring Innovative Affordable Housing” on April 4, 2026 at 12:45pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next Fair & Affordable Housing Commission meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2026. There will not be enough Commissioners available for a quorum, so the next meeting will be rescheduled to a different date. There was a brief conversation about potential topics for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM

Eija Sumner, Chair

Date

MCC Chapter 6 FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION
Sec 6-2. Powers and Duties.

A. The Commission shall adopt internal procedures not inconsistent with the provisions of this or any other ordinances of the City. These rules shall provide for notification of Commission members by the chairperson in advance of meetings.

B. Meetings of the Commission shall be held at least once annually at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as the Commission may determine. A quorum of a majority of the appointed members shall be necessary before the Commission may transact business.

C. The Commission may suggest to Council various ways in which the City may further fair housing practices and affordable housing practices.

D. The Commission may suggest ways to inform public housing industry providers, real estate owners, developers, building contractors, and housing advocates of their respective responsibilities and rights under the federal housing law and related amendments, and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

E. The Commission shall review, on at least an annual basis, the City Code Analysis and Impediments to Fair Housing and Action Plan and shall make recommendations to the Mayor, the Council and the City's Fair Housing Resource Representative for amendments or changes to such Plan as it deems necessary.

F. The Commission shall review, on at least an annual basis, the City's efforts to promote affordable housing and shall make recommendations to the Mayor, the Council, and the City's Fair Housing Resource Representative to promote affordable housing practices.

G. The Commission shall consult with the City's Fair Housing Resource Representative on fair housing, planning objectives, communications, and shall assist the Council and the City's Fair Housing Resource Representative in coordination and execution of the City's Fair Housing Action Plan, where appropriate.

H. The Commission shall keep abreast of Federal and State law affecting fair housing and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council of necessary changes in the Moscow Fair and Affordable Housing Ordinance to keep the ordinance in conformity with Federal and State law.

I. The Commission is authorized to recommend acceptance of Federal, State, or other assistance in formulating or carrying out programs to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices, and to cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies in carrying out such programs.

J. The Commission may establish subcommittees and/or advisory committees to advise and assist it in carrying out duties of the Commission.