

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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**Tuesday,
July 21, 2026**

4:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Mission of the Human Rights Commission

It is the duty of the Commission to affirm, encourage, and initiate programs and services within the city designed to eliminate discrimination, improve human relations, and effectuate the spirit and intent of applicable human rights legislation. In these efforts, the Commission may enlist the support of community groups and public agencies.

2. Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

3. Review of Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

Review of upcoming meetings and events.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Add/edit items to the calendar; or provide staff with further directions.

4. Budget (ACTION ITEM)

A vote will be taken to approve \$500 for sponsorship of a Social Justice Forum event.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to approve \$500 for this sponsorship; or table the funding discussion until August.

5. Citizen's Survey (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Define two questions to submit to the City of Moscow.

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.

REPORTS

- 1. Social Justice Forums- Smiley-Kallas and Argersinger**
- 2. Report on Hate Incidents / Moscow as an Inclusive Community**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

ADJOURN

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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
June 16, 2026**

4:00 P.M.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Elizabeth Stevens, Courtney Jensen, Vanessa Stevens, Jim Huggins, Nick Smiley-Kallas, Jana Argersinger, Jacob Navarret, John Freeland (Teams)

ABSENT: Rula Awward-Rafferty

STAFF: Anthony Dahlinger (staff liaison), Crista VanOvermeer (deputy clerk), Trisha Bruce (deputy clerk), Sage McCetich (City Council Liaison)

GUESTS: Erin Agidius

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Mission of the Human Rights Commission

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

2. Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Muneta clarified a name correction, United in Community Coalition. Jensen moved to accept the minutes as amended; and Argersinger seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

3. Review of Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

Review of upcoming meetings and events.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Add/edit items to the calendar; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

The following information will be added to the calendar:

- Juneteenth, Friday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

4. 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 actions deemed appropriate.

Smiley-Kallas moved to nominate Freeland as Chair, Huggins seconded the nomination, and Freeland accepted. Vote: Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Abstentions: One (Freeland.) Motion carried.

Argersinger moved to nominate Smiley-Kallas as Vice-Chair, Freeland seconded the nomination, and Smiley-Kallas accepted. Vote: Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

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None offered.

REPORTS

1. Latah County Human Rights Task Force Report and United Community Coalition--Muneta

Muneta reminded everyone that there are 2-hour volunteer slots open at both the Farmers Market and East City Park for the upcoming Great Moscow Food Drive. Drivers are also needed to take the food from collection sites to the designated food banks. Jensen offered to drive. There will be a July 4th picnic at East City Park. "The Longest Table" potluck is in the works, this is a national event, and Pullman has previously held an event. Muneta reminded everyone that the next Coalition event is September 5th, and all are welcome. Smiley-Kallas stressed the importance of HRC members supporting the Task Force and Coalition.

2. Juneteenth - Argersinger

City Administration denied funding for the Juneteenth celebration, due to the event being held in Pullman, WA. Argersinger stated she would send out digital media so members and HRC can disseminate the event information on their social media accounts. Member of the public, Agidius, clarified what the budget will look like since the Juneteenth celebration will not be sponsored by the HRC. She also has items for tabling events for the new Chair to take for future events.

3. Palouse Pride - Agidius

Member of the public, Agidius, confirmed with Dahlinger, this sponsorship request is pending City Administration approval. E. Stevens asked for a point person to coordinate volunteers for the Palouse Pride event, Navarret stated he would volunteer.

4. Better Together Dinner, and Welcoming Cities – Huggins

Huggins revamped the financial report for readability. The report refers to the dinner as an annual event. Concern about financial responsibility and holding off on this event to not operate at a deficit. V. Stevens suggested “First Annual” being removed from the text of the report and wanted to discuss possible venues for a future event. One suggestion is that it is held closer to or on campus to have the HRC bridge the gap due to the current lack of DEI programs at the University of Idaho. McCetich reminded everyone that venues need to be open to the public and ADA accessible. Smiley-Kallas will present the full report at the City Council meeting on July 20, 2026.

5. Social Justice Forums - Smiley-Kallas

Smiley-Kallas stated local prosecutors would like to host a “Know Your Rights” forum. City Attorney Bautista is a possible speaker for this event, which could potentially be held in Council Chambers at Moscow City Hall in September. An action item will be added to the next agenda to develop the upcoming social justice forum.

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

Dahlinger reported there was one event in May where a racial slur was used in a message between two former co-workers.

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McCetich asked for input on what the HRC would like to share at the next City Council Meeting. It was determined he would share the transfer of leadership, the potential of an upcoming social justice forum, clarification on sponsorship of out-of-town/state events such as Juneteenth, and the upcoming report on the Better Together Dinner.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Elizabeth Stevens, Chairperson

City of Moscow
Human Rights Commission
2026 Planning Calendar

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
May	16	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	HRC at the Market	Friendship Square
May	19	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mayor's Conferene Room
June	16	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mayor's Conferene Room
June	19	Friday	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Juneteenth	Pullman
July	21	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mayor's Conferene Room
August	18	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mayor's Conferene Room
August	29	Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Pridefest	Farmer's Market
September	15	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mayor's Conferene Room
October	12	Monday	TBD	Indigenous People's Day	TBD
October	20	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mayor's Conferene Room
November	17	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mayor's Conferene Room
December	15	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mayor's Conferene Room