

FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Thursday
April 2, 2026

5:15 PM

Haddock Building
504 S. Washington Street

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, Evan Holmes
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

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.

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

Michael Gilman, Moscow, introduced himself 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.

REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Juan Albaitero, Vice Chair

19/May/2026

Date