



Spokane Human Rights Commission

The May 2nd, 2023 meeting will provide for in person attendance. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers—Lower Level of City Hall, 808 Spokane Falls Blvd. Members of the public, Commission members, City staff, and presenters will still have the option to participate remotely via Teams by clicking the “Meeting Link” on this page or by calling the number provided.

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

[Meeting Link](#)

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Land Acknowledgment & Public Comment Period:

5:30 - 5:35 Land Acknowledgement
Public Comment (3 minutes each). Citizens are invited to address the Commission.

Commission Briefing Session:

5:35 - 5:40 A. Roll Call & Approval of Consent Agenda Chair Peace

Standing Update(s):

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| 5:40-5:50 | Introduction of Commissioners McFadden and Robinson | |
| 5:50-6:20 | SNAP--Eastern Washington Long-Term Care Ombuds Program | Richard Danford, Ombudsman |
| 6:20-6:40 | SHRC Committee Assignments and Committee Lead Elections | |
| 6:40-6:50 | Discussion about what to do for the SHRC July Meeting, which is on the 4th of July | |
| 6:50-7:30 | Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive • Outreach • Civic Impact | |

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| | Adjournment | |
| | 1) Next Human Rights Commission meeting is scheduled for Jun 6th, at 5:30pm (PST) | |

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SHRC Meeting

04 APRIL 2024 / 5:47 PM-7:23 PM / CITY COUNCIL

Attendees

COMMISSIONERS: Anwar Peace, Maria Hernandez-Peck, Brennan Schreibman, Livia Koh, Alex Knox

OTHER ATTENDEES: Councilmember Navarette

Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment

Nichollette Ocheltree: brings up opioid + overdoses community conversation happening April 9th

Brandon Roy: discusses Monaghan statue, difference between a monument + memorial, advocates considering Monaghan sculpture as a memorial

Agenda

Chair Peace discusses local fentanyl overdoses spiking, toll on Spokane, Councilmember Dillon's initiative to have a community conversation about the fentanyl epidemic

STARS (Spokane Treatment & Recovery Services)

- nonprofit providing health services since 1980
- serves everyone, works to find those who need care (walkups, referrals, etc. all accepted)
- primarily serves those with Medicaid / Medicare
- works to provide autonomy + dignity to patients
- discussion of replacement of Car 50
- have new building with 38 withdrawal management beds

STARS Road to Recovery

- Car 50 makes first point of contact, STARS then opens doors and creates opportunities for recovery, detox, withdrawal
- provides ongoing support to outpatients
- collaborate + connect with 60+ organizations across Spokane County

Narcan Discussion

- some cases require up to 20 Narcan, IV Narcan being utilized

- use Narcan to save lives

Collaboration with STARS for brochure involving opioid crisis discussed

Voting on Finalists for Vacancies

- Knox: Susan McFadden + Kurtis Robinson
- Hernandez-Peck: Susan McFadden + Kurtis Robinson
- Koh: Susan McFadden + Kurtis Robinson
- Schreibmann: Susan McFadden + Kurtis Robinson
- Peace: Susan McFadden + Kurtis Robinson

Commissioner Schreibmann moves to formally recommend to the Mayor's office to appoint Susan McFadden + Kurtis Robinson to the Human Rights Commission, seconded by Commissioner Knox

Committee Updates

- Executive: Chair asked to give presentation to Equity Subcommittee
- Commissioners Knox and Chair Peace will be giving presentation to City Council's Urban Experience Subcommittee
- Civic Impact: Resolution for human rights + dignity of Spokane's homeless discussed, will meet with OCREI Director to discuss work plans

Next Meeting Agenda



Chair's Report

May 1, 2024

Dear Commissioners,

Below is a summary of activities I participated in as Chair of the SHRC, as well as additional points of interest:

❖ **Commission Updates**

- The City Council Equity Subcommittee invited the SHRC Chair to give a presentation at their meeting on 4/2/24, in which the presentation was about SHRC RESOLUTION 2023-03--A resolution concerning the human rights and basic dignity of individuals experiencing homelessness and the Commissions' hopes for how the City Council plans on addressing that RESOLUTION.
- The Mayor's Office reached out to the SHRC Chair and several Community-Leaders, about us helping & supporting 2 upcoming "Public Safety Community Meetings on the search for the new Police Chief". These meetings would be focused on *disproportionately impacted communities*, 1 for *English speakers* & 1 for *English learners*, which "The Native Project" is hosting the 1st of these meetings on 5/9/24.
- On 4/5/24 City Council Staff reached out to the SHRC Chair to convey the *postponement of the invitation* for the SHRC Chair to give a presentation at the City Council Urban Experience Committee Meeting on 4/8/24. That presentation was to be about SHRC RESOLUTION 2023-03--A resolution concerning the human rights and basic dignity of individuals experiencing homelessness and the Commissions' hopes for how the City Council plans on addressing that RESOLUTION. Instead SHRC City Council Liaison Councilmember Lili

- Navarrete was able to give a briefing on SHRC RESOLUTION 2023-03 to the Urban Experience Committee on 4/5/24.
- On 4/8/24 the City Council President reached out to the SHRC Chair, in which they relayed the reason *behind the postponement of the invitation* for the SHRC Chair to give a presentation at the City Council Urban Experience Committee Meeting on 4/8/24 about SHRC RESOLUTION 2023-03--A resolution concerning the human rights and basic dignity of individuals experiencing homelessness. The City Council President told the SHRC Chair the *postponement* was due to the fact that the City Council has not created a process to allow Boards & Commissions themselves to give presentations to the Council, and due to the fact of the SHRC raising this issue the City Council is now working on a process to allow Boards & Commissions to give presentations. Instead of doing a presentation the City Council President said that the Commission could email the Council or give "*Public-Comment*" at the City Council meetings Open-Forum using 2-minutes.
 - On 4/8/24 Mayor Lisa Brown reached out to the SHRC Chair, to relay that the Mayor had sent the "SHRC recommendations" to City Council for the 2 vacancies of the Commission for their "*Appointments*" to the SHRC. As well as Mayor Brown also conveyed that they would like to create an "*open channel of communication*" between the SHRC Chair & the Commission, in order to *better foster collaboration* with the SHRC & the Mayor's Office on matters related to *Human-Rights* and/or to the SHRC 2024 Work-Plan.
 - On 4/9/24 the SHRC Chair attended the City Council's Community Conversation Townhall on Opioids & Overdoses event held at the Downtown Library. This event was in response to the aftermath of the City-Council-Resolution on 3/25/24 "calling for better data & plan to decrease overdose deaths" and help those struggling with opioid addiction –plus Gov. Inslee was asked to "**declare a state of emergency**", making it easier to use resources to address overdoses &

addiction throughout the state. The panelist for this Townhall are as follows: [Dr. Bob Lutz](#), [Washington Department of Health](#); [Dr. Luis Manriquez](#), [CHAS Outreach](#); [Hallie Burchinal](#), [Executive Director of Compassionate Addiction Treatment](#); and [Joshua Mayer](#), [Executive Director of Spokane Treatment & Recovery Services \(STARS\)](#); plus [other service providers](#).

- On 4/11/24 the SHRC Chair attended the ["Public Safety Community Meeting at the Northeast Community Center"](#), in which the meeting was about the search for the new [Police Chief](#).
- On 4/15/24 the SHRC Chair sent a *very-lengthy-email* to all [City Councilmembers & Staff](#) plus [City Legal](#) about [SHRC RESOLUTION 2023-03--A resolution concerning the human rights and basic dignity of individuals experiencing homelessness](#). And then later that evening the SHRC Chair gave *"Public-Comment"* at the [City Council](#) meeting during Open-Forum, in which the Chair had 2-minutes to talk about SHRC RESOLUTION 2023-03.
- The SHRC Chair received an email from the [Marketing & Communications Specialist](#) for [SNAP \(Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners\)](#), in which [SNAP](#) wanted to do a *"Joint-Press-Release"* about the upcoming presentation at the 5/2/24 SHRC Meeting from ["SNAP--Eastern Washington Long-Term Care Ombuds Program"](#) [Ombudsman Richard Danford](#). (*the "joint-press-release" is attached to this email*).
- The SHRC Chair reached out to [Lisa Gardner](#) the new President of the ["Spokane NAACP"](#), in order to have the ["Spokane NAACP"](#) give a presentation to the Commission at the June meeting. The presentation would be about that organizations' work in our community regarding, *promoting protecting & expanding the rights of marginalized people for over 100 years. By prioritizing education, criminal justice needs, civil engagement, & much more, while being able to stay on top of issues that affect all of us the most.* Plus, the SHRC would like to hear about the organizations' belief of the importance of the [Federal-Holiday of "Juneteenth" on 6/19/24](#). Lisa Gardner agreed to this presentation.

- The SHRC Chair reached out to ["Black Lens Newspaper"](#) Editor [Natasha Hill](#), in order to have ["Black Lens Newspaper"](#) give a presentation to the Commission at the June meeting. The presentation would be about that organizations' work in our community regarding, *promoting a focus on the news, events, people, issues & information of importance to our region's Black community. With the stories, photos, graphics and columns created by The Black Lens are owned by the community it serves.* Plus, the SHRC would like to hear about the organizations' belief of the importance of the [Federal-Holiday of "Juneteenth" on 6/19/24](#). Natasha Hill agreed to this presentation.
- Held an SHRC Executive Committee Meeting on 4/21/24.
- Held an "Onboarding-Meeting for new Commissioners" with the SHRC Executive Committee on 4/28/24.
- Regularly communicated with the [Mayor's Office](#) last month *about the process of filling 2 vacancies on the Commission* and the [SHRC Executive Committee](#) wishes to thank this new [Mayor's Office](#) for their efforts to better collaborate with [Commissions & Boards](#) on filling the vacancies that have happened during the last administration.
- [SHRC City Council Liaison Councilmember Lili Navarrete](#) & their staff reached out to the SHRC Chair several times during the month, in order to update the Chair about how the City Council plans on addressing [SHRC RESOLUTION 2023-03--A resolution concerning the human rights and basic dignity of individuals experiencing homelessness](#).
- Regularly communicated with the [SHRC Executive Committee](#) last month about *upcoming agenda items or other Commission issues*.

❖ **OCREI**

- Regularly communicated with the [OCREI Director Jerrall Haynes](#) last month, about upcoming agenda items or other Commission issues.

❖ **Social Media (Facebook)**

- Created the May 2, 2024 SHRC meeting event. As well as posting the Agenda in the comment post section.
- Re-posted a post from the [Spokane City Council](#), in which the post was about the [City Council's Community Conversation Townhall on Opioids & Overdoses on 4/9/24 at Spokane Central Library](#).
- Re-posted a post from "[Spokane Homeless Connect](#)", in which the post was about "[Saving the Date](#)" for the [2024 Spokane Valley Connect on 5/30/24](#). This is a *Free-Community-Services-Event* designed to offer practical help to Spokane Families, that includes **CHAS Medical Services, DSHS Mobile Services, Haircuts, Free Meal, Food/Clothing Bank & More!**
- Posted a news story from KLXY-TV, which the story was about "[City of Spokane asking for community input on public safety priorities](#)".
- Re-posted a post from the [City of Spokane - Municipal Government](#), in which the post was about "[the City of Spokane is hosting 4 meetings to seek input on the community's public safety priorities & these meetings are intended to provide Spokane residents the opportunity to weigh in as the City of Spokane hires new public safety leadership](#)".
- Re-posted a post from the [City of Spokane - Municipal Government](#), in which the post was about the "[Public Safety Community Meeting at the West Central Community Center](#)".
- Re-posted a post from the [Office of Police Ombudsman Commission](#), about their meeting on [4/16/24](#) in which [guest speaker was the Spokane Police Guild President Detective Dunkin](#).
- Posted a news story from KHQ-TV, which the story was about "[Spokane City Council Member responds to racist stickers posted in downtown Spokane](#)" and [SHRC City Council Liaison Councilmember Lili Navarrete](#) was quoted in this news story.

- Re-posted a post from "The NATIVE Project", in which the post was about the "Police Chief Search Community Meeting" on 5/9/24 being held at "The NATIVE Project" located at 1803 W. Maxwell Ave from 6pm to 7pm.



CITY OF SPOKANE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Media Advisory – For Immediate Release – April 24, 2024

Media Contact: Dean Henrich, SNAP Marketing & Communication Specialist

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Subject: RICHARD DANFORD TO ADDRESS SPOKANE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Spokane, Wash. - April 24, 2024 - SNAP and The Spokane Human Rights Commission (SHRC) are honored to announce that Richard Danford – Regional Ombuds with the Eastern Washington Long-term Ombudsman Program will be a featured speaker at the SHRC's upcoming monthly meeting.

"With my father being diagnosed with dementia a few years ago, I and my family quickly became aware of the issues of Long-Term Care," explains **Anwar Peace**, Chair of the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission. "We are eagerly looking forward hearing from the Eastern Washington Long-Term Care Ombuds Program, in order for us to increase our understanding as well as find ways the Commission can support the mission of the Ombuds Richard Danford."

Event Details:

- **Date:** May 2, 2024
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Spokane City Council Chambers, City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Danford will deliver a compelling presentation on the Eastern Washington Long-Term Care Ombudsman. This volunteer program advocates for residents in nursing homes, adult family homes, assisted living facilities, and enhanced services facilities across a five-county region. Their goal is to protect and promote the rights of residents guaranteed under federal and state law ensuring dignity, well-being, and quality of care. The public is invited to attend. There will be a Q & A session following the presentation.

"I look forward to sharing insights and collaborating with the SHRC. Together, we can create positive change," **Richard Danford** - Regional Ombuds, Eastern Washington Long-Term Care Ombuds Program.

Information: Eastern Washington Long-term Ombuds Program **(509) 456-7133**

<https://www.snapwa.org/long-term-care-ombudsman/>

For media inquiries or interview requests, please contact: Spokane Human Rights Commission

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The Spokane Human Rights Commission (SHRC) advises the City Council regarding issues related to human rights and unjust discrimination and the implementation of programs consistent with the needs of all residents of the City of Spokane.

SNAP is a non-profit, donor-funded community action agency serving people in the greater Spokane area. SNAP's mission is to increase the human potential of our community by providing opportunities for people in need. With more than 30 community-based programs from housing to financial education, SNAP helped over 50,000 neighbors in 2023.



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