



# Spokane Human Rights Commission

Thursday, September 2nd, 2021

5:30 PM-7:00 PM

[Meeting Link](#)

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## Land Acknowledgment & Public Comment Period:

5:30 - 5:40 Land Acknowledgement  
Public Comment (3 minutes each). Citizens are invited to address the Commission on any topic not on the agenda.

## Commission Briefing Session:

5:40 - 5:45 A. Roll Call & Approval of the August Minutes and Budget Chair Kissler

## Standing Update(s):

5:45 – 5:55	Chair Report & Budget Update (10 mins)	Chair Kissler
5:55 – 6:15	Treasure State Values	Montana Human Rights Org.
6:15 – 6:35	Monaghan Statue Courageous Conversations Planning	Advisory Council
6:35 – 6:40	Appointing SHRC liaison to Citizen’s Transportation Advisory Board	Vice Chair Harrison
6:40 – 6:55	Subcommittees <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Stability Planning</li><li>○ Civic Impact</li><li>○ Outreach</li></ul>	All
6:55 – 7:00	Spokane Interstate Fair Booth with SCHRTF	Vice Chair Harrison

## Adjournment

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1) Next Human Rights Commission meeting is scheduled for  
**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 5:30pm (PST)**

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# Spokane Human Rights Commission August 5, 2021

Meeting Minutes: Called to order at 5:31

Land Acknowledgment

**Public Comment:** Mercy Aguilar, white supremacist are trying to recruit houseless people, and they're talking about guns and praying on our houseless individuals.

## **Commission Briefing Session:**

Commission Members Present: Lance Kissler, Hayley Harrison, Anwar Peace, Jac Archer, Brennan Schreiber, Abigail Baker, Council Member Liaison Wilkerson.

Commission Member Not Present: Moore

Community Members Present: Alex Gibilisco,

May Minutes approved

## **Discussion Items**

1. Chair reports attached to the meeting packet
  - a. Reappointment process for Commissioner Archer has been started
  - b. Invite Treasure State Values
2. Budget report
  - a. Unity in the community August 21<sup>st</sup>
    - i. Would we like to have a booth? Cost is \$100
    - ii. Volunteers, Commissioners Anwar, Harrison, Baker
    - iii. Motion to booth at Unity in the Community, and potentially partner with the county task force.
    - iv. Motion passed
  - b. Interview for two at large positions
    - i. Michael Thorp
    - ii. Justice Forral
    - iii. Olivia Arballo-Saenz
    - iv. Alex Knox – had to leave the meeting early and is sending material to Chair Kissler and he will forward it to commissioners
    - v. Chair Kissler will forward information of previous pool of candidates to be included in commissioners recommendations.
3. Consider of Resolution re: Spokane County Sheriff, draft (C)
  - a. Conversation
    - i. Changes suggested
      1. "civic dialogue" to dialogue
      2. Add names of commissioners to resolution
    - ii. Motion to pass the resolution as amended
      1. Commissioner Pease abstains

2. Commissioner Schreibman, CM Wilkerson, Commissioner Archer, Harrison, Baker, Chair Kissler
  3. Motion carries with one abstention
4. Office of Civil Rights Exploratory Task Force & Civil Rights
  - a. Were not able to move forward with a candidate
  - b. Met with City leadership to determine new approach
  - c. New approach, repost the position to focus on Civil Rights
5. Courageous Conversation
  - a. Alex Gibilisco and CM Wilkerson can work with City resources to make it successful
  - b. Topic – Office of Civil Rights
6. Subcommittees, opportunity for commissioners to be more involved
  - a. Outreach – engage community, and communicate
  - b. Civic impact subcommittee
  - c. Sustainability subcommittee
  - d. Alex and Lance will connect on potential IT needs
7. Chair and Commissioner Harrison will work on a statement to respond to Sheriff's message

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting scheduled Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 5:30pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.





## Chair's Report

September 2, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

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

- Social Media (Facebook)
  - Posted the resolution that was adopted at our August meeting.
  - Posted the CRO position announcement.
  - Shared the “Uplifting the Spokane BIPOC Community” event.
  - Shared the “Whistwalks Way Celebration” event.
  - Share the “Unity in the Community” event.
  - Shared the Human Rights Awards nomination information; boosted the post.\*
  - Posted the vacancy for our at-large position on the Commission.
- OCR Exploratory Task Force
  - Participated in the candidate interviews and search committee process.
  - An offer has been made and was accepted. We are coordinating an official announcement with city staff. The new person will start on Sept. 20.
- Formally distributed the resolution passed by the SHRC at our August meeting. Corresponded with Sheriff Knezovich and several community leaders on follow up questions regarding the invitation. The Sheriff has agreed to participate and has connected me with his Civil Unit Operations Manager to facilitate scheduling (he is available Sept. 30-Oct. 10).
- Contacted local media outlets and city communications staff to help promote the Human Rights Awards.
- Shared at-large candidate feedback and recommendations with the Mayor's Office.
- Confirmed that city email accounts have been established for Commissioners Baker and Schreibman.
- Helping to move along Commissioner Archer's reappointment process.
- Received an email complaint regarding a Spokane Police Department officer; working on next steps to share this with the appropriate individuals.
- Received a complaint about emergency shelter availability/access; worked with city staff to follow up.
- Attended the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Board meeting to learn more about the group before asking the Commission to identify/appoint our official liaison.
- Reached out to Chris Patterson to invite him to a future Commission meeting.
- \*Facebook ad/boosted post note: I had the post scheduled to target people in our geographic area, however Facebook eventually rejected the ad due to the image

appearing to have “false functionality” (the blue hyperlinked text in the image of the document isn’t actually clickable). Rather than redo the ad, I let it expire, as it reached more than 1,000 people and garnered a handful of comments and shares. The cost of the ad spend totaled \$17.61.