



# Spokane Human Rights Commission

The Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting will provide for in person attendance. The meeting will be held in the City Council Briefing Room—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-7:00 PM

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## Land Acknowledgment & Public Comment Period:

5:30 - 5:40 Moment of Silence: Remembering Sandy Williams  
 Land Acknowledgement  
 Public Comment (3 minutes each). Citizens are invited to address the Commission.

## Commission Briefing Session:

5:40 - 5:45 A. Roll Call & Approval of Consent Agenda Chair Kissler

## Standing Update(s):

5:45 – 5:50	Reminder: Officer Elections at November Meeting	Commissioners
5:50-5:55	Request for Support of EWU Campus Forum	
5:55-6:05	2nd Read: Monaghan Statue Resolution	
6:05-6:20	Camp Hope	
6:20-6:40	2023 Workplan	
6:40-6:45	Combined SPD Experience with OPO Commissioners	
6:45-6:50	Upcoming Events	
6:50-7:00	Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive</li> <li>• Outreach</li> <li>• Civic Impact</li> </ul>	

	<b>Adjournment</b>	
	1) Next Human Rights Commission meeting is scheduled for <b>November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30pm (PST)</b>	

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## Chair's Report

October 6, 2022

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)
  - Shared joint statement from Commissioner Knox and Chair Kissler re: Camp Hope.
  - Shared a post about the Quality of Life Survey from Spokane Regional Health District.
  - Posted a photo from the EWU Neighborfest booth.
  - Shared the Suicide Prevention crisis lifeline post from Spokane Regional Health District.
  - Posted Chair's statement re: the loss of Sandy Williams.
  - Created the October 2022 meeting event.
- OCREI
  - Conducted interviews of candidates with "External Committee" comprised of Pui-Yan Lam, Commissioner Schreiber and myself (Kurtis Robinson was unable to participate in the interviews).
  - Provided feedback with External Committee members to Johnnie Perkins regarding candidate interviews.
  - "Internal Committee" conducted interviews last week. Awaiting info from city regarding next steps.
  - Hoping to hold public open forums with top candidates in the next few weeks.
  - Updated OCREI task force on the progress/plan above.
  - Met with OCREI community stakeholder group on Tuesday, Oct. 4 to discuss budget recommendations for OCREI in FY23 and potential questions for public open forums.
- Commissioner Updates
  - Conducted onboarding of Commissioner Koh.
  - Informed Mayor's Office of Commissioner Harrison's and Commissioner Peace's intent to seek reappointment for a second term. Provided instructions to both Commissioners regarding the request application online.
- Reached out to Arts Commission for any updates or suggestions to the Monaghan Statue resolution for second read. (None received to date.)

- Secured sponsorship of the “Wheel of Rights” with Canopy Credit Union providing financial support (\$1,500) to purchase reusable tote bags as “prize incentives” for people to spin the wheel.
  - Working with Jerrall Haynes on the purchasing process for bulk ordering.
  - Will share a proof of the co-branded design when ready.
  - Will recognize Canopy Credit Union at an upcoming SHRC meeting with a proclamation.
- Setup the booth at EWU Neighborfest and staffed from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Helped tear-down the booth with Commissioner Schreibman (who staffed the booth from 1-2 p.m.).
- Provided SHRC overview brochures to Spokane County Human Rights Task Force for their booth at Valleyfest. Connected Commissioner Koh with SCHRTF so she could staff their booth for a shift during the event (thank you!).
- Homeless Resource Guide pamphlets
  - Awaiting printing of Homeless Resource Guide by the city for outreach efforts.
  - Distributed some pamphlets from Volunteers of America at EWU Neighborfest.
- Reached out to Charity Bagatsing re: Diwali Festival booth (Oct. 22). No confirmation of participation yet.
- Provided FY23 budget recommendation for SHRC to Johnnie Perkins and Councilmember Zappone: request for \$2,500 base funding to continue our work next year.
- Received notice from No-Li that we are once again the recipient of \$1,000 donation via their 25 Days of Christmas community giving program.
  - Participated in a “thank you/award” video for No-Li via West Central Community Center for their community outreach and support.
- Received a concern from an East Central neighborhood community member regarding the Camp Hope statement, asking for us to engage neighbors for feedback about the situation. Followed up with the individual to explore opportunities to receive stakeholder feedback—awaiting a reply on next steps.
- Discussed potential times for combined OPO/SHRC training experience at SPD facility—likely early next year, after the holidays.
- Received inquiry from EWU representatives for endorsement support—added as an agenda item and forwarded details to Commissioners.
- Reminder to all commissioners to ensure your OPMA training is up to date and on file with City Clerk.

## **SPOKANE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Sep 1, 2022

5:30 pm

### **OPENING OF MEETING**

The Spokane Human Rights Commission convened their monthly meeting on September, 2022, at 5:40 pm in-person and via Webex.

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Kissler shared the Land Acknowledgment

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Veta Schlimgen- shared thoughts on the removal of the Monaghan Statue and proposed giving it to public non profit (ex. The Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture).

Ivan Urnovitz- shared support for creating a task force to process through potential solutions to the Monaghan Statue.

Hana Truscott- shared support for the removal of the Monaghan Statue from public view per the Pacific Islander request.

Roberta Truscott- shared support for removing the Monaghan Statue from public view.

### **ROLL CALL**

Lance Kissler, Maria Hernandez- Peck, Brennan Schreiber (v), Hayley Harrison (v), Alex Knox, Olivia Arballo-Saenz (v), Anwar Peace, Livia Koh

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by: Commissioner Knox. Second: Commissioner Peace.

Yes: Lance Kissler, Maria Hernandez- Peck, Brennan Schreiber, Hayley Harrison, Alex Knox, Olivia Arballo-Saenz, Anwar Peace, Livia Koh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

### **WELCOMING YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE LIVIA KOH**

Chair Kissler welcomed Commissioner Koh to the Spokane Human Rights Commissioner.

### **STAFF UPDATE- JERRALL HAYNES, CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATOR**

Jerrall Haynes shared an update on the Office of Civil Rights, Equity and Inclusion that included responding to complaints, strategic plan work, internship opportunities and community partnerships.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE PRESENTATION- MEGAN DUVALL & LOGAN CAMPOREALE**

Megan Duvall & Logan shared information about the Historic Preservation Office and provided researched history on the creation, commission, placement ownership of the Monaghan Statue. As well as a family history of Monaghan himself.

### **FIRST READ RESOLUTION RE: MONAGHAN STATUE**

Chair Kissler shares resolution that formally ask City Council to form a task force and move this work forward.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **A. Executive Committee**

Commissioner Schreiber shared an update on the upcoming interviews for the Office of Civil Rights, Equity and Inclusion.

#### **B. Civic Impact Committee**

Commissioner Peace shared the work around creating a Historical Landmark process.

#### **C. Outreach Committee**

Commissioner Harrison shared information about the Human Rights Awards ceremony.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kissler adjourned The Meeting at 6:50 pm.



## **DRAFT (2ND READ) RESOLUTION**

**A resolution regarding the process to remove the Monaghan Statue.**

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission (the “Commission”) is dedicated to addressing 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; and

WHEREAS, the Commission issued a resolution on November 4, 2021 supporting the removal of the statue; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has received formal support from the Spokane Arts Commission in alignment with the removal of the statue; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has invited community stakeholder groups and concerned citizens with a diverse range of views regarding the statue to provide feedback and, if applicable, potential options for its removal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has sourced city legal counsel for parameters regarding the ownership and legal processes required to remove the statue; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been developing recommendations—at the request of City Council—for a formal process for future matters of this type;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission hereby requests that city leadership establish a task force similar to that of the recent street renaming of Whistalks Way, with dedicated staffing from the appropriate City offices to ensure the community engagement, due process, and legal requirements are met for removing the statue. Members of the Commission are willing to work with City staff to assist with the process.

*Adopted by the Spokane Human Rights Commission on MONTH DATE, YEAR.*



**CITY OF SPOKANE  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

September 27, 2022

The City of Spokane Human Rights Commission has identified homelessness as a priority. In doing so, we understand that homelessness is interrelated to other issues our community faces; this includes access to affordable housing, community resources, and safe shelters. While we know that this is an enormous undertaking, it is one that requires due consideration of key facts and broad, integrated solutions between the city, county, and state governments, as well as nonprofit organizations.

Recently, Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich released a statement and held a subsequent press conference regarding how his department plans to “deal with” Camp Hope. This includes declaring the site a nuisance property, citing individuals at Camp Hope with unlawful assembly, and clearing the area.

We firmly believe that this action does not solve the issues in our community. We believe that criminalizing and penalizing homelessness is not the answer, nor is bussing away those experiencing homelessness an option because most are from this area. This approach will make finding solutions with key stakeholders much more difficult.

On October 6, several commissioners will be attending the Spokane Homeless Coalition’s monthly meeting at Camp Hope. They will join other community members and leaders in a tour of Camp Hope and hear from providers in the field, as well as the residents, to understand how the Commission and the City can be a partner for positive change and real solutions.

We encourage community leaders, City Administration, City Council, and Sheriff Knezovich to join us at the Spokane Homeless Coalition’s September meeting being held at the main Camp Hope shelter on Thursday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m., and collaboratively work toward a productive and compassionate solution.

Signed,  
*Alexander Knox, NHDP-BC*  
Commissioner, City of Spokane Human Rights Commission

*Lance Kissler,*  
Chair, City of Spokane Human Rights Commission

[This statement was issued by the above Commissioners; it has not been reviewed or endorsed by the full commission.]