



Spokane Human Rights Commission

The July 6th, 2022 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):

5:40-5:45	-Proclamation on Jewels Helpings Hands Closing Camp Hope Before the Scheduled Court Closure Date.	
5:45-6:00	-City of Spokane Office of Civil Rights, Equity & Inclusion	Director Jerrall Haynes
6:00-6:25	-City of Spokane Police Ombudsman Office	Ombudsman Bart Logue
6:25-6:50	- Spokane Police Department, "Human Trafficking Unit"	Sergeant Mike Carr & Detective Elijah Hayward
6:50-7:30	-Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive • Outreach • Civic Impact 	

	Adjournment	
	1) Next Human Rights Commission meeting is scheduled for August 3rd, at 5:30pm (PST)	

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Chair's Report

July 1, 2023

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 SHRC Executive Committee reached out to the Spokane Police Department in order to have the Department give a presentation to the Commission at the July meeting about the Departments' efforts to stop Human Trafficking. SPD tentatively agreed and the SHRC Executive Committee continued to work with Police Leadership on that presentation.
- The SHRC Chair reached out to the Spokane Police Ombudsman Office in order to have the Ombudsman give a presentation to the Commission at the July meeting. The presentation would be about the Ombudsman's work to promote public confidence in the professionalism and accountability of the members of the Spokane Police Department by providing independent review of police actions, thoughtful policy recommendations and ongoing community outreach. The Ombudsman agreed to this presentation.
- A reporter from KLXY reached out to the SHRC Chair to do an interview and story about the City Council "Ordinance Addressing City-Owned Property" & the Monaghan Statue, in which the SHRC Chair was interviewed and then connected the reporter with several different community voices both pro & con on the topic.

- Held an Special SHRC Executive Committee Meeting on 6/5/23, in order to craft a [letter to the City Council regarding the Parks Ordinance \(ORD C36394\)](#).
- The SHRC Chair received an email on 6/5/23 from [the Mother of the man that was killed by Sheriff Deputies on 6/4/23](#). This Mother was inquiring about information about the Sheriff's Office policy's surrounding the release of the Body Camera footage and other protocols dealing with "Officer-Involved-Shootings". The SHRC Chair called this Mother and offered condolences as well as answering her questions on policy & protocols. Plus, the SHRC Chair reached out & connected the Mother with other "Impacted-Families" in order for them to help support the Mother & her family during their time of grief.
- [The SHRC Executive Committee wrote a letter to City Council regarding the Parks ordinance \(ORD C36394\)](#), which that letter was sent on 6/7/23 to City Council raised concerns based upon the lens of both Human Rights as well as legal/constitutional issues with this ordinance and requested that the City Council decline to adopt the ordinance. The SHRC Chair worked with City Council Members & City Council Staff, in order to get the letter disseminated to the rest of the City Council for their consideration before the vote on this matter at the 6/12/23 City Council meeting.
- The SHRC Chair was featured in the 1st inaugural quarterly magazine from Spokane Public Library, which the name of the magazine is called ["Lilac City Local"](#) and the [article with the Chair is in the CURRENT AFFAIRS section](#).
- On 6/10/23 the SHRC had a booth at the 31st annual Spokane Pride parade [31st annual Spokane Pride Parade & Festival](#); participating at the booth was Commissioner Arballo-Saenz, Commissioner Hernandez-Peck, Commissioner Kissler, Vice-Chair Commissioner Schreibman, and Chair Peace.
- The SHRC Chair gave public testimony at the 6/12/23 City Council Meeting during the agenda item regarding the Parks

ordinance (ORD C36394), in which the SHRC Executive Committee had written a letter to City Council regarding ORD C36394. The SHRC Chair read a portion of the letter for the 1st Read of the Parks ordinance, which the 2nd Read of the Parks ordinance happened on 6/26/23.

- The SHRC Chair gave public testimony at the 6/12/23 City Council Meeting during the agenda item regarding Resolution 2023-0045, a resolution to appoint Jerrall Haynes as the 1st Director of Office of Civil Rights, Equity & Inclusion. On 6/15/23 the SHRC Chair's public testimony was quoted in a Spokesman-Review newspaper article about the appointment of Mr. Haynes, which the following are the quotes from the Chair: *"I just want to publicly acknowledge and thank Mr. Haynes for sticking with this process with all of the political merry-go-round that took place," said Anwar Peace, chair of the Spokane Human Rights Commission. "He's somebody that I trust with advice on a regular basis. Mr. Haynes has made me a better community leader with that advice, and he's just a good dude."*
- Held an SHRC Executive Committee Meeting on 6/22/23.
- The SHRC Chair was contacted by a few local TV reporters about 2 different matters, in which the Chair gave the reporters some background on the matters and then referred them to other people who had more expertise on those matters.
- The SHRC Chair again gave public testimony at the 6/26/23 City Council Meeting during the agenda item regarding the Parks ordinance (ORD C36394), in which the SHRC Executive Committee had written a letter to City Council regarding ORD C36394. The SHRC Chair read a portion of the letter for the 2nd Read of the Parks ordinance, which the Council passed the ordinance by a vote of 4-3 and the new law will take effect 30 days after the mayor signs the ordinance.
- A reporter from KLXY reached out to the SHRC Chair to do an interview and story about the new City Council ordinance that makes staying after hours in parks a misdemeanor, in which the SHRC Chair used the letter from the SHRC Executive Committee as talking-points.

- The SHRC Chair attended the 6/28/23 event on "Spokane Regional Collaborative community event to address Homelessness" host by Spokane Unite and held at the Convention Center.
- A reporter from the Inlander newspaper reached out to the SHRC Chair to do an interview and story about the "Spokane Regional Collaborative community event to address Homelessness", which the SHRC Chair was quoted with them being hopeful and with concerns about including those with lived experience onto the Regional-Authority.
- A reporter from KLXY reached out to the SHRC Chair on 6/29/23 about 2 different matters, in which the Chair gave the reporter some background on the matters and then referred them to other people who had more expertise on those matters.
- The SHRC Chair was invited & attended the 6/29/23 event with City Council members called "Creating a Community of Belonging: Conversation with John A. Powell", which the event was a Race & Equity-Training for the City of Spokane staff.
- A reporter from KLXY reached out to the SHRC Chair to do an interview and story about Camp Hope and the City's response to our Homeless-Crisis on 6/30/23, in which the SHRC Chair relayed the Commission's current work on this issue and the information we have gathered from our presentations.
- The SHRC Chair wrote a chapter in a book about Spokane's Homeless-Crisis, in which this book has chapters written by various City Leaders & Community Leaders as well. This fall is the publication date for this book.
- Regularly communicated with the SHRC Executive Committee last month about upcoming agenda items or other Commission issues.

❖ **OCREI**

- On 5/30/23 the SHRC Chair received a call from the City Administrator informing the Chair that the Mayor had made

an appointment with the Director of Office of Civil Rights, Equity & Inclusion. The person appointed was Jerrall Haynes, which had not applied for the 2nd posting of the position in 2023 but did apply & interview during the 1st round posting of the position in 2022. The City Administrator let the Chair know that he had also talked with some of the **“External-Panel”** members, who had interviews with the candidates, about Mr. Haynes’ appointment and those panel members were excited about the pick the same way the Chair was.

- The SHRC Chair once again was able to again have some brief conversations with several **“External-Panel”** members, which those panel-members once again told the Chair that they felt that that OCREI Director Hiring-Process was running very smoothly and reported no problems. Most were shocked by the turn of events that led to Mr. Haynes appointment, but those members were very excited and happy with the Mayor’s decision to appoint Jerrall Haynes as the 1st Director of Office of Civil Rights, Equity & Inclusion.
- Since the SHRC Chair was informed of the appointment there has been regular communication with OCREI Director Jerrall Haynes and the SHRC Chair, about upcoming agenda items or other Commission issues.

❖ **Social Media (Facebook)**

- Created the July 6, 2023 SHRC meeting event. As well as posting the Agenda in the comment post section.
- Posted an event by Pacific Islander Health Board of Washington on 6/3/23, called *“Celebrate DAD”* with the PIHBW Health Navigators at Father’s Day photoshoot and plus flu shots, COVID19 vaccines or child vaccines updated by the vaccine team on site.
- Re-posted a post from the Spokane County Human Rights Task Force multiple times about their message on *“Pride Month and Pride Season”*, and the importance reporting acts of hate & bias to their online Hate Crime Reporting Tool at <https://www.spokanecountyhumanrightstaskforce.org/hate->

[report?fbclid=IwAR284vAt8la74yfi3Iug5K4RDV3A-s9eb5PnVM7857fye-H0T5IzemHuKGw](https://www.facebook.com/IwAR284vAt8la74yfi3Iug5K4RDV3A-s9eb5PnVM7857fye-H0T5IzemHuKGw).

- Posted a news story from KLXY in which the SHRC Chair did an interview about the [City Council "Ordinance Addressing City-Owned Property" & the Monaghan Statue](#), which the SHRC Chair was interviewed and then connected the reporter with several different community voices *both pro & con on the topic*.
- Re-posted a post from the [City of Spokane](#) about their message on *"Happy Pride Month" and the rainbow-mural painted at Riverfront Park & Spokane Falls Blvd on 6/5/23*.
- Posted [the SHRC Executive Committee letter to City Council regarding the Parks ordinance](#) (ORD C36394), in which that letter from Commissioners sent to City Council on 6/7/23 raised concerns based upon the lens of both Human Rights as well as legal/constitutional issues with this ordinance and requested that the City Council decline to adopt the ordinance.
- Re-posted a post from the [Mayor's Office](#) about appointment of Jerrall Haynes, as the [1st full-time director for the Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion](#).
- Posted an event by [American Indian Community Center](#) on 6/7/23, called the *"AICC Resource Fair"* which is a one-stop shopping for a wide variety of needs & services including *free phones, Pet Food Bank, Immunizations --COVID-19, Flu, MPV, and childhood vaccines, as well as blood pressure and blood glucose screenings are available for FREE*.
- Posted a news story from KREM ON 6/14/23 about appointment of Jerrall Haynes, as the [1st full-time director for the Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion](#).
- Posted a news story from the Spokesman-Review newspaper on 6/15/23 about appointment of Jerrall Haynes, as the [1st full-time director for the Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion](#).
- Posted a news story from the Spokesman-Review newspaper on 6/18/23, in which this article highlighted [the letter to City](#)

Council by the SHRC Executive Committee regarding the Parks Ordinance making it an arrestable offense to be in city parks after hours. Then re-posted the letter on this post as well.

- Posted a news story from KHQ on 6/18/23 about appointment of Jerrall Haynes, as the 1st full-time director for the Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Re-Posted a post from the Spokane NAACP on 6/24/23, concerning the white supremacists that showed up at "Pride in Perry" that day and law enforcements' handling of the situation.
- Posted about the event "Coffee with a Commissioner" on 6/27/23 at the Downtown Central Library, which this event is a reoccurring-event held on the 4th Tuesday of every month between 12:00-1:00 pm to get to know your Human Rights Commissioners and share your concerns over a cup of coffee in an inviting, open space held at the southeast corner on the 3rd floor in Conference Room B & Lounge.
- Posted a news story from the new Spokane Public Library magazine called the Lilac City Local, in which the SHRC Chair was interviewed & highlighted in the CURRENT AFFAIRS SECTION of the magazine.
- Re-posted twice a post from City Council about 6/28/23 event "Spokane Regional Collaborative community event to address Homelessness" hosted by Spokane Unite and held at the Convention Center.
- Posted a news story from the Spokesman-Review on 6/26/23 about "being in Spokane parks after hours made an arrestable offense", in which the article mentions the SHRC Executive Committee letter to City Council regarding the Parks Ordinance.
- Posted a news story from KXLY on 6/27/23 about the "new ordinance makes staying after hours in parks a misdemeanor", in which the article mentions the SHRC Executive Committee letter to City Council regarding the Parks Ordinance.

- Posted a news story from the Inland newspaper about the ["Spokane Regional Collaborative community event to address Homelessness"](#), which the SHRC Chair was quoted with them being hopeful and with concerns about including those with lived experience onto the Regional-Authority.
- Re-Posted a post from the City of Spokane - Municipal Government on 6/29/23, which was [video of "In Woodward's Words" about the appointment of Jarrell Haynes to be the City's first director of the Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion](#).
- Posted a news story from KXLY on 6/30/23 about the [*Camp Hope and the City's response to our Homeless-Crisis on 6/30/23*](#), in which the SHRC Chair was interviewed and relayed the Commission's current work on the issues and the information we have gathered from our presentations.

MONTHLY MEETING 06/01/2023

01 June 2023 / 5:30 PM / CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by: Chair Peace

PUBLIC COMMENT

In-person: Justice Forrall - proposed we develop a protected class for homeless individuals

Lance Kissler - Thanked those who support LGBTQIA

Online: None

ATTENDANCE

Chair Peace, Vice chair Schreibman, Commissioner Kissler, Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Knox, Commissioner Arballo-Saenz, Commissioner Koh, Commissioner Harrison

STAFF PRESENTATION: ALEX GIBILISCO

Ordinance Addressing City-Owned Property - Process for renaming infrastructure

GUEST PRESENTATION: MARGO HILL, AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

GUEST PRESENTATION: JEFF THOMAS & KELLI FRONTIER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Civic Impact Committee: Alex Knox

Outreach Committee: Olivia Arballo-Saenz

Executive Committee: Anwar Peace

Upcoming Events:

PRIDE (6/10)

Set-up & first shift - 9:30-12:00 - Olivia & Lance

Midday shift - 12:00 - 3:00 - Anwar & Maria

Closing shift - 3:00 - 6:00 - Anwar (Olivia will come to help take-down,
she will store items)

Coffee w/ a Commissioner (6/27)

12:00 - 1:00 (Hayley-tentative & ____)



RESOLUTION 2023-01

A resolution concerning the human rights and basic dignity of individuals experiencing homelessness.

WHEREAS, The City of Spokane knows the issue of homelessness is one of the most pressing and complex situations encountered by our society. In developing public policy to be established on this matter, whether short-termed or immediate, emphasis should be given to attending to the basic needs of the homeless, mainly subsistence needs, in order to enable the preservation of the dignity of these human beings and their circumstances;

WHEREAS, The City of Spokane should reassert its constitutional commitment to hold that all men and women are equal before the law and that there must be no discrimination whatsoever for reason of race, color, sex, age, birth, social condition, origin, or political or religious ideas. It is also aware of the fact that homelessness threatens healthy community living among people, as it can reveal attitudes of insensitivity, contempt, harshness, shunning and fear towards those experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, Respect for the dignity of human beings and equality before the law are principles which are fundamental and nonexpendable in order to guarantee the common good and healthy community living as a people. Homeless people are a direct reflection and the most dramatic outcome of the complexities of our society. These are men and women of various ages and with different levels of education. Those experiencing homelessness are human beings with unmet basic needs, with human rights which are frequently infringed, who also have talents and dreams, and who have inner and outer strengths, from which hope is forged.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission hereby requests that the City Council create a framework of protections to address shelter inadequacies and operations in city limits and add protections in municipal code for our society's most vulnerable population. An example of this policy would be as follows:

Title 18.05 Protections for Homeless People

Subsection 18.05.____ Concerning Human Rights of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

No person's rights, privileges, or access to public services and accommodations may be denied or abridged solely because he or she is homeless. Such a person shall be granted the same rights and privileges as any other resident of the City of Spokane. A person experiencing homelessness:

(1) Has the right to use and move freely in public spaces, including, but not limited to, public sidewalks, public parks, public transportation and public buildings, in the same manner as any other person, and without discrimination on the basis of his or her housing status;

(2) Has the right to equal treatment by all municipal agencies, without discrimination on the basis of housing status;

(3) Has the right not to face discrimination while seeking or maintaining employment due to his or her lack of permanent mailing address, or his or her mailing address being that of a shelter or social service provider;

(4) Has the right to emergency medical and psychiatric care, free from discrimination based on his or her housing status;

(5) Has the right to vote, register to vote, and receive documentation necessary to prove identity for voting without discrimination due to his or her housing status;

(6) Has the right to protection from disclosure of his or her records and information provided to homeless shelters and service providers to federal, state, municipal and private entities without appropriate legal authority; and the right to confidentiality of personal records and information in accordance with all limitations on disclosure established by the Federal Homeless Management Information Systems, the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and the Federal Violence Against Women Act; and

(7) Has the right to a reasonable expectation of privacy in his or her personal property to the same extent as personal property in a permanent residence.