



Spokane Human Rights Commission

The Aug 1st, 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-7:00 PM

[Meeting Link](#)

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Access code: 577 455 431#

TIMES GIVEN ARE AN ESTIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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):

5:40-6:05	Introduction/Briefing: Director of the OCREI	Jerrall J. Haynes
6:05-6:30	Spokane Regional Collaborative: Regional Homeless Authority	Gavin Cooley
6:30-6:45	Discussion/Potential 1st Read: "Human Rights & Basic Dignity"	Commissioners
6:45-7:00	Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive • Outreach • Civic Impact 	

	Adjournment	
	1) Next Human Rights Commission meeting is scheduled for Sep 7th, at 5:30pm (PST)	

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Chair's Report

August 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 Chair attended the "Spokane Homeless Coalition" meeting held at the Gathering House Cafe on 7/4/23. During this meeting there were presentations from: Ami Manning, *Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium ROW Project Housing Director*; Julie Garcia, *Jewels Helping Hands*; and Gavin Cooley, Spokane Unite which is working on creating a "Spokane Regional Homeless Authority". After the meeting the SHRC Chair & Gavin Cooley had a long conversation about homelessness in Spokane and how the Commission can work towards helping our community in this matter.
- The SHRC Chair reached out to Gavin Cooley, from Spokane Unite which is creating a "Spokane Regional Homeless Authority" in order to have the Spokane Unite give a presentation to the Commission at the August meeting. The presentation would be about that organizations' work to promote going forward with the "Spokane Regional Homeless Authority". Mr. Cooley agreed to this presentation.
- Held an SHRC Executive Committee Meeting on 7/20/23.
- City Council Staff on 7/25/23 reached out to the SHRC Chair & the OCREI Director about the fact of a Mayoral Veto of ORD C36402, relating to the establishment of a process to consider & act upon community members' concerns regarding City-owned property. The SHRC Chair then informed the SHRC Executive Committee about this matter.

(attached to this email is the PDF of the veto)

- A reporter from [Range Media](#) reached out to the SHRC Chair to do an interview and story about the Mayoral Veto of ORD C36402, relating to the establishment of a process to consider & act upon community members' concerns regarding City-owned property. This interview with Range Media will take place during the 1st week of August. *(attached to this email is the PDF of the veto)*.
- 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 August 3, 2023 SHRC meeting event. As well as posting the Agenda in the comment post section.
- Posted a news story from KLXY in which the SHRC Chair did an interview about [Local organizations help people with journey out of homelessness](#), which the SHRC Chair was quoted in the story about some of the information the Commission has received during our presentations this year.
- Posted the [SHRC July 6, 2023 PROCLAMATION 23-001](#) ---*A proclamation honoring and recognizing Julie Garcia's leadership in accomplishing the successful closure of Camp Hope and for her steadfast support to people experiencing homelessness in our community.* City Council did a similar proclamation for Camp Hope on 7/10/23.
- Posted a news story from Spokesman-Review newspaper on 7/21/23 on [Spokane City Council will revisit parks trespassing law after Park Board declines to change hours](#). Which last month the [SHRC Executive Committee wrote a strongly worded letter to the City Council](#) about this matter.
- Re-posted a post from ["Equality Diversity Humanity"](#) that stated in a meme the following statement: ***"If we could spread LOVE as quickly as we spread HATE & NEGATIVITY, what an amazing world we would live in"***.

MONTHLY MEETING 07/06/2023

06 July 2023 / 5:30 PM / CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by: Chair Peace

PUBLIC COMMENT

In-person: Ivan Urnovitz [Requested a dialogue regarding Monahan Statue over a year ago]

Online: None

ATTENDANCE

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

Not present: Jac Archer

CONSENT AGENDA

Added minutes from April & May meetings; added Nicolette Ocheltree & Katherine Corrick to June's public comment section.

Consent agenda approved.

OCREI DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION POSTPONED

New OCREI Director, Jarrell Haynes, was unable to attend - Rescheduling his presentation/introduction to the August meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION: BART LOGUE, POLICE OMBUDSMAN

Explained structure, authority, duties, process of handling complaints, challenges in first independent report, recommendations provided as a result of said investigation, OPOC.

PROCLAMATION: JULIE GARCIA, JEWELS HELPING HANDS

Read by Brennan - Proclamation 23-001 - Recognized Julie Garcia, founder and executive director of Jewels Helping Hands, for leadership in closing Camp Hope and for her and the organization's continued service to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Approved - Anwar Peace, Brennan Schreibman, Hayley Harrison, Alex Knox, Olivia Arballo-Saenz, Maria Peck, Livia Koh

Abstained - Lance Kissler

GUEST PRESENTATION: MIKE CARR & DET. ELIJAH HAYWARD, SPD HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT

Discussed challenges in addressing human trafficking, collaboration with local and federal groups, what human trafficking typically is and how it differs from what many people assume it to be.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Civic Impact Committee: Alex Knox

Outreach Committee: Olivia Arballo-Saenz

- Unity in the Community August 12th, 9:30-1pm-Alex, 1pm-4pm-Maria

Executive Committee: Anwar Peace

Inquiry Program Information

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UNENCUMBERED BALANCE

Date

07/05/2023

Inquiry Results

Results

07/05/2023

Code	Short Description	BN - NET BUDGET FFF 01/2023 13/2023	ACTUALS FFF 01/13 2023	EN - ENCUMBRANCE FFF 01/2023 13/2023	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
54999	OTHMISCHGS	2,500.00	175.00	0.00	2,325.00
Grand total		2,500.00	175.00	0.00	2,325.00



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.



Mayor Nadine Woodward

RECEIVED

July 24, 2023

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Council President and City Council members,

I am vetoing Ordinance C36402 because it appears to be in conflict with the duties and responsibilities of the Landmarks Commission established by the City Council in 2015. The better course of action is to clarify the Commission's duties and responsibilities, if the Council believes they are unclear, rather than creating a separate, conflicting pathway.

The City already has a mechanism for addressing historical and cultural considerations on City property. The City Council established an 11-member Landmarks Commission "with the specific duties to recognize, protect, enhance and preserve those buildings, districts, objects, sites and structures which serve as visible reminders of the historical, archaeological, architectural, educational and cultural heritages of the City and County..." The Commission's duties include to "review proposals (as provided in SMC 17D.100.020) to construct, change, alter, modify, remodel, move, demolish and significantly affect properties or district on the register."

By ordinance, historic landmarks and districts are defined as "generally a building, structure, object, site or district which is more than fifty (50) years old or determined to be exceptionally significant in an architectural, historical or cultural manner..." in one of five categories, including "have made significant contributions to the broad patterns of the history of the city, county, state or nation" or "persons significant in the history of the city, county, state, or nation" or "has yielded, or is likely to yield, information in prehistory or history" or "represents the culture and heritage of the city of Spokane... or any range of cultural practices."

Council rightly raises in the findings related to Ordinance C36402 concerns about denial of human rights, discrimination, and exclusion causing mental pain and suffering among community members. If the Council finds that the protections outlined for educational and cultural heritages in the language establishing the Landmarks Commission do not go far enough it should update it to reflect current needs. One such way to do that could be to add definition around human rights expectations, regardless of inclusion on the registry, to the Commission and/or add board seat specific to review of human rights considerations, again, regardless of inclusion on the registry.

Public education and review of applications and impact statements are already listed as Commission duties. Adding a human rights evaluation is a natural extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

The City of Choice

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ORDINANCE APPROVAL/VETO TRANSMITTAL FORM

DATE: July 14, 2023
TO: Mayor Nadine Woodward
FROM: Laura Price, City Clerk's Office
RE: July 10, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING ORDINANCE C36402

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JUL 24 2023
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

The following Ordinance, passed 5 - 2 (Council Members Bingle and Cathcart voting no) by City Council, is attached for your approval/veto.

ORD C36402: Relating to the establishment of a process to consider and act upon community members' concerns regarding City-owned property; adopting a new chapter 18.10 to Title 18 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

City Charter Section 16 gives you the following options for approving/vetoing this ordinance:

- Sign the ordinance approved as passed by City Council and return to the City Clerk's Office.
- Veto the ordinance and return to the City Clerk's Office. A written and signed statement of the reasons for the veto must accompany the vetoed ordinance.
- Sign and partially veto the ordinance (only applicable to appropriations ordinances) and return it to the City Clerk's Office. A written and signed statement of the reasons for the partial veto must accompany the partially vetoed ordinance.

If this ordinance is not returned to the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., July 24, 2023, with a Mayoral approval or veto, the ordinance shall be deemed enacted without Mayoral signature.

**Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:**

06/26/2023

Date Rec'd	6/13/2023
Clerk's File #	ORD C36402
Renews #	
Cross Ref #	
Project #	
Bid #	
Requisition #	

Submitting Dept	CITY COUNCIL
Contact Name/Phone	ALEX GIBILISCO 625-6957
Contact E-Mail	AGIBILISCO@SPOKANECITY.ORG
Agenda Item Type	First Reading Ordinance
Agenda Item Name	0320 - PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING CITY- OWNED PROPERTY

Agenda Wording
 An ordinance relating to the establishment of a process to consider and act upon community members' concerns regarding City-owned property; adopting a new chapter 18.10 to Title 18 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Summary (Background)
 On January 5, 2023, Spokane Human Rights Commission passed a resolution proposing a standard protocol for processing, considering, and acting upon citizens' concerns about City-owned buildings, sites, structures, monuments, and other objects. This is an ordinance relating to the establishment of a process to consider and act upon community members' concerns regarding City-owned property; adopting a new chapter 18.10 to Title 18 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

Lease? NO	Grant related? NO	Public Works? NO
Fiscal Impact		Budget Account
Neutral	\$	#
Select	\$	#
Select	\$	#
Select	\$	#

Approvals		Council Notifications	
Dept Head	BYRD, GIACOBBE	Study Session\Other	UE 05/08/2023
Division Director		Council Sponsor	CP Beggs, CM Stratton
Finance		Distribution List	
Legal		gbyrd@spokanecity.org	
For the Mayor		bbeggs@spokanecity.org	
Additional Approvals		agibilisco@spokanecity.org	
Purchasing			
FIRST READING OF THE ABOVE ORDINANCE HELD ON			

6/26/2023
 AND FURTHER ACTION WAS DEFERRED

 CITY CLERK

Committee Agenda Sheet

Urban Experience Committee

Submitting Department	Council Office
Contact Name	Alex Gibilisco
Contact Email & Phone	agibilisco@spokanecity.org , 509-904-5465
Council Sponsor(s)	CP Beggs, CM Stratton
Select Agenda Item Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Time Requested: 10
Agenda Item Name	Process for Addressing City- Owned Property
Summary (Background) *use the Fiscal Impact box below for relevant financial information	<p>During the celebration of Whistalks Way name change we heard from community members that it took over 50 years of advocating and petitioning the City for the name change.</p> <p>In 2022, the Human Rights Commission conducted community engagement and passed a resolution regarding the Monaghan Statue. There was not a clear process to acting or responding to their recommendation with this city owned property.</p> <p>On January 5, 2023, Spokane Human Rights Commission passed A resolution proposing a standard protocol for processing, considering, and acting upon citizens' concerns about City-owned buildings, sites, structures, monuments, and other objects.</p> <p>This is an ordinance relating to the establishment of a process to consider and act upon community members' concerns regarding City-owned property; adopting a new chapter 18.10 to Title 18 of the Spokane Municipal Code.</p>
Proposed Council Action	Next step is taking the proposed ordinance and feedback to the Spokane Human Rights Commission and adopt the proposed Ordinance in late June.
Fiscal Impact Total Cost: Click or tap here to enter text. Approved in current year budget? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Funding Source <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring Specify funding source: Click or tap here to enter text. Expense Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.) Potential future impacts if council votes to address future sites, structures, monuments, and other objects.	
Operations Impacts (If N/A, please give a brief description as to why)	
What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?	

This chapter applies to all visible property owned by the City of Spokane, within the city limits of Spokane, Washington. This chapter details and defines a process for receiving, researching, reviewing, and recommending action to address community concerns regarding institutional statements, names or monuments on property owned by the City of Spokane.

The ordinance also states the City of Spokane commitment to ensuring that all people living and working in Spokane have a sense of belonging, and further committed to addressing issues that undermine that commitment

How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?

This data can be collected when OCREI reviews the request in consultation with the City of Spokane Legal Department and other necessary departments, boards, commissions, affected Native American tribes and compile relevant information and findings that will inform a final recommendation.

How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy or product to ensure it is the right solution?

The requested action "shall include: history of the City-owned property in question; details on the review process; appropriate department(s) to execute, anticipated cost to implement any recommendation; any relevant information presented by the OCREI to the SHRC; and any other actions the SHRC would like the City to take."

In addition, it encourages coordination between departments to develop a recommendation.

Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?

The ordinance is responding to the Human Rights Commission recommendation.

(Title 4, 4/20/92) 4.10.010,

The human rights commission advises and makes recommendations to 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.

Section 18.01.010

The City of Spokane finds that discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, sex, national origin, marital status, familial status, domestic violence victim status, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, honorably discharged veteran or military status, refugee status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq, and/or the Washington State Law Against Discrimination, Chapter 49.60 RCW, or the receipt of, or eligibility for the receipt of, funds from any housing choice or other subsidy program or alternative source of income poses a substantial threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Spokane. The City deems it necessary and proper to enact a local ordinance to address these issues.

ORDINANCE NO C36402

An ordinance relating to the establishment of a process to consider and act upon community members' concerns regarding City-owned property; adopting a new chapter 18.10 to Title 18 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, under Section 18.01.10 of the Spokane Municipal Code, the City has found that discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, sex, national origin, marital status, familial status, domestic violence victim status, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, honorably discharged veteran or military status, refugee status, and/or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, poses a substantial threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, institutional statements, names or monuments found on City-owned property that reflect the historical denial of human rights, discrimination, and exclusion may cause mental pain and suffering among community members, and also foster a continuing disrespect of historically marginalized members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is committed to ensuring that all people living and working in Spokane to have a sense of belonging, and further committed to addressing issues that undermine that commitment like institutional statements, names or monuments that reflect the historical denial of human rights, discrimination, and exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is further committed to providing community members with the opportunity to formally raise their concerns about institutional statements, names or monuments on City-owned property, and committed to ensuring that the appropriate course of action is taken to address said concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane desires to create an accessible process for community members to raise these concerns and have a known and predictable process of review, outreach, and community recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the accessible process should include final recommendation for action by the Spokane City Council, which may include removal, renaming, or relocating content on City-owned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. There is enacted a new chapter 18.10 to Title 18 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 18.10	Process for Review of Institutional Statements, Names and Monuments on City Property
SMC 18.10.010	Scope and Purpose
SMC 18.10.020	Definitions
SMC 18.10.030	Process of Review by Spokane Human Rights Commission
SMC 18.10.040	Recommendation to Spokane City Council
SMC 18.10.050	Naming Policies

18.10.010 Scope and Purpose

Institutional statements, names or monuments found on City-owned property that reflect the historical denial of human rights, discrimination, and exclusion can cause mental pain and suffering among community members, and also foster a continuing disrespect of historically marginalized members of the community. The City of Spokane is committed to ensuring that all people living and working in Spokane have a sense of belonging, and further committed to addressing issues that undermine that commitment.

This chapter applies to all visible property owned by the City of Spokane, within the city limits of Spokane, Washington. This chapter details and defines a process for receiving, researching, reviewing, and recommending action to address community concerns regarding institutional statements, names or monuments on property owned by the City of Spokane.

18.10.020 Definitions

- A. "Community member" refers to an individual who lives or works within the city limits of Spokane, Washington.
- B. "Concern" refers to the disapproval or dismay of a community member regarding the property, as formally presented to the SRHC in the form of a written request to review certain City-owned property.
- C. "Content" refers to the physical image, name, description, inscription, monument or other defining features of property owned by the City of Spokane.
- D. "Department" refers to the City of Spokane department that has been tasked by the Spokane City Council of carrying out the recommended action.
- E. "OCREI" refers to the Spokane Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion.
- F. "Property" or "City-owned Property" refers to the building, monument, site, street, roadway, structure, or any other object owned by the City of Spokane or under the control, ownership, and/or jurisdiction of either the Spokane Park Board or the Library Board of Trustees.
- G. "Request" refers to a formal, written statement from a Requester asking for review of certain City-owned property under this ordinance.
- H. "Requester" refers to the community member who files a request.
- I. "SHRC" refers to the Spokane Human Rights Commission, a volunteer board of individuals appointed by the Mayor of Spokane and approved by the Spokane City Council. These individuals advise and make

recommendations to the Spokane City Council regarding issues related to human rights.

- J. "Workgroup" refers to the SHRC Civic Impact workgroup of the Spokane Human Rights Commission.

18.10.030 Process of Review by Spokane Human Rights Commission

The process for considering and acting upon community members' concerns regarding the content of City-owned property is as follows:

- A. Individuals and/or groups can request that the City of Spokane review certain City-owned property by submitting a request to the Spokane Human Rights Commission (SHRC). The SHRC shall act as the coordinator of the process for reviewing the request.
- B. Once the SHRC receives a request, the SHRC shall then task the SHRC Civic Impact Workgroup ("Workgroup") as its designee to process the request, and the Workgroup shall coordinate the process for reviewing the request.
- C. The Workgroup shall then review the request and determine whether or not to start a review, considering whether the content described in the request is discriminatory under SMC 18.01.010 or the content is likely to cause mental pain, suffering or disrespect in a reasonable person with a cultural background and lived experience that would make them vulnerable.
 - i. If the Workgroup finds that the content does not violate SMC 18.01.010 and is not likely to cause mental pain, suffering or disrespect, the review shall end, and the Workgroup shall notify the Requester of the decision and provide them the information to present their concerns to the full SHRC at a meeting via public comment.
 - ii. If the Workgroup finds that the content does violate SMC 18.01.010 or is likely to cause mental pain, suffering or disrespect, it shall refer the request to the Spokane Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion (OCREI).
- D. After referral from the Workgroup, the OCREI shall then review the request in consultation with the City of Spokane Legal Department and other necessary departments, boards, commissions, affected Native American tribes and compile relevant information and findings that will inform a final recommendation. Relevant information shall include any history relating to the City's acquisition of the property or placement of the content thereon, including donor restrictions or requirements. The OCREI shall then present the information, findings and recommendation to the Workgroup, including whether the recommendation of the SHRC will be submitted to the City Council, the Park Board or the Library Board. This review process shall not

limit the authority or responsibility of any department, board or commission established by law.

- E. Upon receipt of information and findings from the OCREI, the Workgroup shall review the information and findings, and determine if the Request should be brought forward to the full SHRC. If the Workgroup determines that the SHRC should address the matter, the request shall be placed on a regular SHRC meeting agenda for discussion. At this point, the requester shall be notified of the decision to pursue the matter. The requester shall also be notified of the meeting and may address the full SHRC via public comment or presentation under the rules of the SHRC.
- F. Upon conclusion of discussion of the request at the regular SHRC meeting, any Commissioner may move for the matter to be forwarded to the SHRC Executive Committee for further collaboration with the OCREI on research, analysis, outreach, and stakeholder engagement. Upon completing its review, the SHRC Executive Committee shall place the matter on a regular SHRC meeting agenda for further review and action.

18.10.040 Recommendation to Spokane City Council

- A. The SRHC shall review the materials from the Workgroup, the SRHC Executive Committee, and the OCREI, and shall determine whether to make a recommendation to the Spokane City Council regarding the request. Any recommendation from the SHRC shall be in the form of a resolution and shall lay out, in specifics, the requested action by the City Council and shall include: history of the City-owned property in question; details on the review process; appropriate department(s) to execute, anticipated cost to implement any recommendation; any relevant information presented by the OCREI to the SHRC; and any other actions the SHRC would like the City to take. The SHRC recommendation may include, but is not limited to: renaming the property; recontextualizing, replacing, or removing any content on the property; or removal or relocation of any content. Provided, except as provided in subsection C below, any recommendation to rename City-owned property must be submitted to the Spokane Plan Commission for its recommendation prior to forwarding to the Spokane City Council. The resolution shall also specify which City of Spokane department the SHRC determines to be the appropriate lead implementer of any recommended actions.
- B. The resolution will be brought forward to the full Spokane City Council by the SHRC Council Liaison at a City Council Committee meeting. Any further action by Council will adhere to City Council Rules.
- C. If the property subject to the request and the SHRC recommendation is under the care, management, or control of the Park Board or the ownership and jurisdiction of the Library Board, the SHRC recommendation shall be submitted to the respective board for consideration.

18.10.050 Naming Policies

All administrative City policies and procedures relating to naming shall be revised to include, as part of its criteria, a desire to avoid causing recollections of the historical denial of human rights, discrimination, and exclusion of historically marginalized members of the community. The Park Board and Library Board are encouraged to adopt a mechanism for avoiding commemoration the historical denial of human rights, discrimination, and exclusion of historically marginalized members of the community in their naming policies.

PASSED by the City Council on July 10, 2023.

Teri Korman
Council President Pro Tem

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

Michael J. Peacock
Assistant City Attorney

VETO
Mayor

Date

Effective Date

VETOED by Mayor: 7.24.23