



Spokane Human Rights Commission

The Apr 4th, 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):

5:40-6:05	Presentation: Experience Matters	Ami Manning/Angel Tomeo-Sam
6:05-6:30	Presentation: Spokane Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS)	ED Joshua Mayer
6:30-6:45	Vote: 2 Finalist for Two Vacancies	
6:45-7:30	Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive • Outreach • Civic Impact 	

	Adjournment	
	1) Next Human Rights Commission meeting is scheduled for May 2nd, at 5:30pm (PST)	

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Chair's Report

March 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 SHRC Chair attended a private meeting on 2/5/24 with the Washington State Office of Independent Investigations (OII) and a few of Spokane's *"Impacted-Families" that have been touched by Police-Violence*. The OII was created in 2021 by the State Legislature to *conduct thorough, transparent, & unbiased investigations of cases that involve police use of deadly force*. And the OII has a "Civilian-Director" & includes "Civilian-Investigators" on its teams. The topic of the meeting on the 5th was to get an update about how the agency's Family-Liaisons positions will work in our community once they get started working soon, which we told the OII they needed to place the 1st Family-Liaisons in the state to Spokane due to the heavy need the area has for them. Plus, also a major topic of the meeting was the *rash of Spokane Officer-Involved-Shootings so far this year. 2 of those shootings happened days before the meeting and 2 more happened shortly after the meeting, which 2 of those were incidents of Suicide-By-Cop*. Which there was 4 shootings in a 2-week period & this is more shootings than 2023 had in total, and now due to this fact Spokane is ranked the 2nd Deadliest Police-Force in the Nation according to Mapping Police Violence Database.
- The SHRC Chair worked with the City Clerk's Office, in order to complete the "Public-Records-Request" from a citizen to

the Commission about the Monaghan statue. This is the 2nd time a "Public-Records-Request" has been asked of the Commission about this matter in the past year.

- Councilmember Paul Dillon on 2/20/24 reached out to the Chair, in order to let the Chair know that Councilmember Lili Navarrete will be replacing Councilmember Dillon as the "City Council Liaison for SHRC going forward". On 1/22/24 Councilmember Navarrete was appointed to the vacant seat on the City Council, and because of this appointment they just now had to leave their position as a Commissioner on the Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission (OPOC).
- On 2/20/24 the SHRC Chair attended the Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission (OPOC) meeting, which their guest presenter was Council President Betsy Wilkerson. One of the agenda items of the meeting was the rash of Spokane Officer-Involved-Shootings so far this year, which the Chair testified about this issue and also another "Impacted-Family-Member" that have been touched by Police-Violence testified as well. Also discussed at the meeting was the OPOC eagerness to collaborate with the SHRC on matters pertaining to *Public-Safety & Police-Accountability issues*.
- The new President of the "Spokane NAACP" Lisa Gardner reached out to the Chair, in order to let the Chair know that they have another scheduling issue with giving a presentation to the Commission to *acknowledge & honor Women's History Month* at the March meeting. Instead, the Commission will receive that presentation from the NAACP 1st Vice President Jaime Stacy, and the Chair offered to reschedule Lisa Gardner for our June meeting to celebrate "Juneteenth".
- Held an SHRC Executive Committee Meeting on 2/24/24. This meeting was attended by the Commission's new City Council Liaison for SHRC, Councilmember Lili Navarrete and their Legislative Assistant, Andres Grageda, who they had attended the Commission's February meeting. During the

Executive Committee meeting we were able to ask the Councilmember 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](#), which the Councilmember said they would quickly look into that and get back to us.

- Regularly communicated with the [Mayor's Office](#) last month about the *process of filling 2 vacancies on the Commission* and then the [Mayor's Office](#) then *quickly sent over to the Chair the applications that had been received by the Mayor*. 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. On that note, the [Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission \(OPOC\)](#) has *2 vacancies* that currently need to be filled, which [the OPOC posted about on their Facebook page on 2/21/24](#).
- 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 March 1, 2024 SHRC meeting event. As well as posting the Agenda in the comment post section.
- Re-posted a post from 2/1/23 from the SHRC, which was a [Acknowledging Black History Month from the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission](#).
- Re-posted a post from ["Spokane NAACP"](#), which the post was about [Trending Northwest Magazine](#) for *honoring* the [new NAACP President Lisa Gardner](#) with the ["Non-Profit Leaders to Watch Award"](#) at their Winter Awards Gala on 2/1/24.
- Posted a news story from the Inlander newspaper, which the story was about [Lisa Gardner moved home a few years ago](#)

— now she's leading the Spokane NAACP with plans to lift up Black and Brown communities in the Inland Northwest.

- Re-posted a post from the "Spokane NAACP", which the post was honoring the birthday of Civil Rights Leader Rosa Parks who was born on 2/4/1913 and past on 10/24/05 at the age of 92.
- Posted several times that the Commission was looking to fill *2 vacancies on the Commission*, with a link to the application process.
- Posted a news story from KHQ-TV, which was about Washington-based Black charities supporting the community.
- Re-posted a post from Council President Betsy Wilkerson about *celebrating Black History Month* in Spokane at the 2nd Annual Resources & Empowerment Event at the Central Library on 2/17/24.
- Re-posted a post from the "Spokane NAACP" on 2/12/24, in which the post was *honoring the fact that day in Black History marks the day NAACP was founded 115 years ago and celebrating Civil Rights advocacy for over a hundred years!*
- Posted a news story from the Spokesman-Review newspaper, which was about Spokane Chinese Association's Lunar New Year celebration is Sunday (2/18/24): 'The whole thing is going to be splendid'.
- Posted about the link to the upcoming Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission (OPOC) meeting on 2/20/24.
- Posted a link to the video of the Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission (OPOC) meeting that was held on 2/20/24, which this meeting is on Vimeo.
- Posted a news story from KREM-TV, which was about Spokane's 1st & only Black Mayor James Everett Chase in 1981.
- Re-posted a post from the "Spokane NAACP" about the Seattle based Crosscut Magazine honoring the life & work of Spokane's late Civil Rights Leader Sandy Williams & The Black Lens.

SPOKANE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2024 Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers, City Hall Basement

Call to order by Chair Peace at 5:42 p.m.

Land Acknowledgment

Delivered by Commission Chair Peace.

Public Comment

Chair Peace opened the meeting for Public Comment:

Chambers: N/A

Virtual: Ivan Urnovitz provided public comment reflecting on Black History Month, the enduring legacy of the Civil Rights Movement, and the ordinance recently passed by City Council, ORD C36484, establishing a process for review of community concerns regarding institutional statements, names or monuments on property owned by the City of Spokane.

Roll Call

Attendees:

COMMISSIONERS: Anwar Peace, Brennan “Boone” Schreibman, Alex Knox, Maria Hernandez-Peck, Olivia Arballo-Saenz (v), Hayley Harrison.

OTHERS: Jerrall Haynes, OCREI Director; Paul Dillon, City Councilmember/SHRC Liaison (v); Andres Crageda, Legislative Assistant to City Councilmember Lili Navarrete.

Acknowledgment of Black History Month

By: Spokane NAACP Vice President Kurtis Robinson.

Spokane NAACP Presentation

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Committee Assignments

Discussion: Commissioner Harrison interested in Outreach, Commissioner Hernandez-Peck interested in continuing w/ Civic Impact.

Motion: Vice Chair Schreibman moved to appoint Comm. Harrison to Outreach Committee and Comm. Hernandez-Peck to Civil Impact. Seconded by Commissioner Knox.

Chair Peace called the question.

All in favor: Chair Peace, Vice Chair Schreibman, Commissioner Harrison,
Commissioner Knox, Commissioner Arballo-Saenz.

Any opposed: N/A

Motion carries

Committee Updates

Executive Committee: Director Haynes met with Mayor's Office re. level of historical support for SHRC and how Mayor's Office can better support SHRC's work going forward. Director Haynes also discussed passage of ORD C36484 (review of community concerns regarding institutional statements, names or monuments on property owned by the City) and potential changes.

Outreach Committee: Committee Lead Arballo-Saenz provided update re. adjustments to Coffee with a Commissioner – scheduling and title (renaming to “Coffee with a Human Rights Commissioner”).

Civic Impact Committee: Committee Lead Knox discussed two draft resolutions (Resolutions 2024-01 & 2024-02) concerning adding language to nondiscrimination ordinances re. actual or perceived sexual orientation/gender identity & public accommodations; upcoming meeting with Hotel Advisory Commission; update re. 2024 Work Plan and assigning; request by City Council for presentation & study session re. SHRC Resolution 2023-03 (concerning rights of City's unhoused residents).

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by Chair Peace.

By: Vice Chair Schreibman, o/b/o Secretary/Treasurer Koh



Chair's Report

April 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 SHRC Chair reached out to ["SNAP--Eastern Washington Long-Term Care Ombuds Program"](#) Ombudsman Richard Danford, in order to have the ["Eastern Washington Long-Term Care Ombuds"](#) give a presentation to the Commission at the April meeting. The presentation would be about that organizations' work in our community *advocating for residents of nursing homes, adult family homes assisted living facilities & enhanced services facilities, while protecting & promoting the Residents' Rights guaranteed to these residents under Federal/State law & regulations and ensuring the rights, dignity, and well-being of individuals living in long term care... today & tomorrow.* Due to scheduling issues Richard Danford won't be available for the April meeting but has agreed to this presentation at our May meeting.
- The SHRC Chair responded to a [Citizen-Inquiry](#) about what the Commission does & what the Commissions' scope is, as well as how to join the Commission. This Citizen-Inquiry came 5 days after the application deadline to fill the 2 vacancies the SHRC has, which the Chair advised this person to still fill out an application for that to be on file the next time there is a vacancy.
- The SHRC Chair reached out to Ami Manning & Angel Tomeo-Sam with ["Experience Matters"](#), in order to have ["Experience Matters"](#) give a presentation to the Commission at the April

meeting. The presentation would be about that organizations' work in our community *regarding the common belief that everyone has a right to housing that is safe, stable, & affordable. As well as the belief that we all must work together to develop a regional approach to assisting our houseless community that will shift power, challenge stereotypes, break down barriers, & shape policies that truly address the root causes of homelessness. A unified approach of solutions designed by & with those with the most experience, supported collaboratively by local government, & include all the stakeholders at the table together.* Plus, the SHRC would like to hear about this organizations' recent letter to City & County Government *asking for them to declare a "[State of Emergency for Fentanyl-Overdoses](#)".* Ami Manning & Angel Tomeo-Sam agreed to this presentation. Which it was then on 3/25/24 the [City Council passed a Resolution about this matter.](#)

- The SHRC Chair reached out to "[Spokane Treatment & Recovery Services \(STARS\)](#)" Executive Director Joshua Mayer, in order to have "[Spokane Treatment & Recovery Services](#)" give a presentation to the Commission at the April meeting. The presentation would be about that organizations' work in our community *regarding, offering multiple services & levels of care to address the needs of clients in every stage of their treatment with highly skilled substance use disorder & mental health professionals working together with the client to develop a unique & individualized service plan that treats the whole person using evidence-based practices.* Plus, the SHRC would like to hear about [the organizations' new Detox-Facility and how the facility can help in addressing the City's fentanyl crisis.](#) Joshua Mayer agreed to this presentation. Which it was then on 3/25/24 the [City Council passed a Resolution about this matter.](#)
- The SHRC Chair had a private-coffee-meeting on 3/13/24 with "[Transportation Choices Coalition \(TCC\)](#)", in which TCC

leadership came over to Spokane from Seattle to meet with city leaders like the Mayor/City Council & the [Spokane Transit Authority \(STA\) CEO Susan Meyer](#). It must be noted that the Chair has had 4 private-meetings in late 2022 with [CEO Susan Meyer](#) that the Chair had invited the [NAACP President](#) to be a part of those meetings, which was about how STA was & is *currently harming our Homeless-Neighbors* using the [STA Plaza Security Officers'](#) which the Commission has received many complaints about. This coffee-meeting with [TCC & the Chair](#) on 3/13/24 was focused on "[Reforming Jaywalking Laws](#)" with the 2024 bill **SB 5383**, which during 2023 year's legislative session [TCC](#) worked on a similar Bill and the Chair was part of that process. On 2/1/23 the Chair wrote an Op-Ed in the Spokesman-Review newspaper titled, "[Walking while Black: Why it's time to repeal Washington's jaywalking laws](#)".

- On 3/20/24 the SHRC Chair attended the "[Spokane NAACP Town Hall: Addressing Racial Incidents in our Schools](#)" event held at the Downtown Library. This event was in response to the [racist content recently sent out to Wilson Elementary families in the school newsletter](#), which then the "[Spokane NAACP](#)" then invited the community to have a conversation with **local education experts** to talk about *how this happened & how to prevent it in the future*. The [Event-Panelists](#) included: [Natasha Carpenter](#), Lewis & Clark Educator; [James Alexander](#), Washington Education Association; [Dr. Scott Finnie](#), EWU Africana Studies; [Allie Campbell](#), Adams Elementary; [Invited Students](#) from [local high schools and BSUs](#); and [moderated](#) by [NAACP Spokane President Lisa Gardner](#). Here is a [Youtube link](#) to watch the event.
- [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](#). Which then the Councilmember staff invited the Chair & the

SHRC Civic Impact Committee Lead to give a presentation about "SHRC RESOLUTION 2023-03", at the next [City Council Equity Subcommittee](#) on 4/2/24 and also at the Subcommittee [City Council Urban Experience Committee](#) on 4/8/24.

- Held an SHRC Executive Committee Meeting on 3/21/24.
- On 3/28/24 the SHRC Chair had a private-meeting & tour of "[Spokane Treatment & Recovery Services \(STARS\)](#)" with Executive Director [Joshua Mayer](#), who is giving a presentation to the SHRC at our April meeting about their facility & the services they offer to the community.
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- Re-posted a post from the Mayor's Office, in which the post was about [welcoming the Spokane Tribal Council to City Hall for a meeting with the Mayor's Office](#).

- Re-posted a post from the ["Women Helping Women Fund"](#), in which the post was about [the Mayor's Office Proclamation of "Women Helping Women Week" for 3/3 to 3/9/24](#). This post was about *celebrating* ["International Women's Day"](#) on 3/8/24 & *honoring* ["Women's History Month"](#) for March.
- Posted a news story from KLXY-TV, which the story was about ["Spokane community requests state of emergency for fentanyl overdoses"](#).
- Re-posted a post from ["Spokane United We Stand"](#), in which the post was about the [upcoming event "International Women's Day" on 3/8/24 being held at the Downtown Library](#).
- Re-posted a post from the ["NAACP nationwide-organization"](#), in which the post was about [honoring "International Women's Day" on 3/8/24 & celebrating "Women's History Month" in March](#).
- Posted a news story from KLXY-TV, which the story was about ["Spokane Councilmember Paul Dillon asks Governor Inslee to declare a State-of-Emergency" for Fentanyl-Overdoses](#).
- Posted a news story from KLXY-TV, which the story was about ["Governor Inslee signs bill making certain public property vandalism a hate crime"](#).
- Posted about the 3/20/24 Community-Event ["Spokane NAACP Town Hall: Addressing Racial Incidents in our Schools"](#) event held at the Downtown Library. This event was in response to the [racist content recently sent out to Wilson Elementary families in the school newsletter](#).
- Posted a news story from the Spokesman-Review newspaper, which was about ["YWCA Women of Achievement awards: Kristine Hoover poised to lead Gonzaga's hate studies center"](#).
- Re-posted a post from the [Spokane City Council](#), in which the post was about the [1st of a series of Council Community Days starting on 4/8/24 with that event celebrating our Latine/Hispanic Community & Dolores Huerta's birthday!](#)

- Re-posted a post from the [Spokane Transit Authority \(STA\)](#), in which the post was about the [3/19/24 STA Open House held at the Northeast Community Center](#).
- Posted about the link to the upcoming [Spokane Office of Police Ombudsman Commission \(OPOC\)](#) meeting on 3/19/24, which this meeting then got canceled.
- Re-posted a post from [Council President Betsy Wilkerson](#), in which the post was about [thanking the "Spokane NAACP" for hosting a townhall to have a community conversation about the unacceptable language in reference to Black culture in the Wilson Elementary newsletter that was sent to families](#).
- Re-posted a post from ["The Black Lens"](#), in which the post was on a ["Commentary: The Legacy of Black Feminism"](#).
- Re-posted a post from ["The Black Lens"](#), in which the post was on ["Celebrating Sarah E. Goode, a trailblazer and the first African American woman to receive a U.S. patent"](#).
- Posted a news story from KHQ-TV, which was about ["City of Spokane removes Brown Street viaduct fencing" due to it harming our Homeless-Neighbors](#).
- Posted a news story from the Spokesman-Review newspaper, which was about ["Spokane City Council calls for better, more timely data as overdose crisis deepens"](#).
- Posted a news story from KREM-TV, which was about ["Spokane NAACP reacts to racist remarks toward Utah basketball players"](#). Plus also posted in comment section a news story from the Spokesman-Review newspaper, which was about ["Racial harassment in Coeur d'Alene mars Utah women's basketball team's tournament experience"](#).
- Re-posted a post from ["Human Rights Spokane"](#), in which the post was about ["Human Rights Spokane condemns the racial hatred directed toward teams visiting the Northwest for the NCAA tournament"](#).
- Posted a news story from Spokesman-Review newspaper, which was about ["Utah basketball team's experience in Coeur d'Alene shows history of racism still 'very much alive' in North Idaho"](#). Plus also posted in comment section a news

story from the Spokesman-Review newspaper, which was about "North Idaho and Spokane have been a historical hotbed for violent white supremacists".

- Posted a news story from the Inlander newspaper, which was about the upcoming "Trans Day of Visibility Art Show" on 3/30/24 held at the Downtown Library.

SHRC Meeting

07 MARCH 2024 / 5:43 PM-7:33 PM / CITY COUNCIL

Attendees

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

OTHERS: Jamie Stacy, Jerrall Haynes

Public Comment

Ivan Urnovitz: Comment discussing updating narratives regarding the Monaghan Statue

Brandon Roy: Comment advocating to keep the Monaghan Statue in place due to its historical significance

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Chair Peace: Discusses Commission action regarding the Monaghan Statue

Agenda

[NAACP](#) VP Jamie Stacy: Women's History Month Presentation

- Discusses the importance of moving towards progress with firsts, honors influential women of color in Spokane and the US as a whole
- Stacy is founder of [SWAG](#) (Strong Women Achieving Greatness)

[Catholic Charities](#) CEO Robert McCann: Discussing Catholic Charities

- Discusses the mission and work of Catholic Charities in supporting a diverse range of people in need
- Discusses homelessness in the United States, the criminalization of homelessness + vilification of human rights
 - addresses negative responses to the work of Catholic Charities in Spokane
 - 93% success rate of housing opportunities
 - building Salish a new school
- Advocates for making voices heard, speaking truths

New Commissioners

- Procedure of selecting applicants discussed, will send votes by Thursday, March 14, 2024

- Susan McFadden, Scott Gordon, Kurtis Robinson spoke about themselves, answered questions regarding the Human Rights Commission

Committee Updates

Executive: putting ad in Fig Tree, brochures printed, an extra 1,000 to budget for 2024,

Civic Impact: meeting every 4th Thursday at City Hall, discussed new Public Monuments Ordinance

Outreach: more signage suggested