

Spokane Human Rights Commission



Thursday, September 3, 2026

5:30-7:00

The Thursday, September 3, 2026 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.*

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Mission Statement/Purpose: 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.

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5:30 - 5:40 Land Acknowledgement

“Something happened to Mother Earth, She’s getting mad because somebody is doing something to our land that we shouldn’t be doing. We need to start taking better care of her, because if it wasn’t for her, nobody would be here. She’s our air. She’s our water.”

~~Dee Gun Shows, the first female police officer of the Colville Tribes.

5:40 - 5:45 Roll Call & Approval of Agenda (McFadden)

Public Comment. Citizens are invited to address the Commission. (3 min each)

5:45-6:00 Acknowledgement of community grief

- Spokane Complex fires

- Persistent homelessness with loss of critical services—closing of Shalom Ministries
- 7-11 noted as a “chronic nuisance” property on 2nd & Division

6:00-6:45—Review of Title 18 (Boone)

- What is our role in hate crime reporting

6:45-7 Police accountability update (report from Debbie Novak)

- SPD officers who shot Joshua Musclemann in 2024 will not face charges
 - “The Spokane County Prosecutor’s Office finds that each of the four officers were justified in their use of deadly force and did so in good faith. As a result there is no criminal liability for Musselman’s death.”
- HB 2015—100 million dollar bill could provide resources to local governments & state & local criminal justice agencies to support public safety—potentially funding behavioral health teams

Next Human Rights Commission meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2026.

“The wrong idea has taken root in the world. And the idea is this: there just might be some lives out there that matter less than other lives.”

~~Father Greg Boyle, Homeboys Industries