



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 (SHRC) and the Spokane Arts Commission hereby request 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 SHRC are willing to work with City staff to assist with the process.

Adopted by the Spokane Human Rights Commission and the Spokane Arts Commission on October 6, 2022.