Spokane Human Rights Commission

February 28, 2017
Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 5:38

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: John Lemus, Ashley Torres, Nicole Bishop, Andrea Fallenstein, Ronald Toston
- Board Not Members Present: Amina Fields, Aaron Tilbury, Aaron Riley, Karen Stratton; City Council Liaison
- Staff Members Present: Alicia Ayars, Mike Piccolo

Commissioner Fallenstein makes a motion to add the vote for vice president to the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bishop. Motion passes unanimously.

Commission Briefing Session:
1) Minutes from the January 10, 2017 amended meeting minutes approved unanimously.
2) City Council Report
   a. Presented the current draft of the Human Rights Title 18 ordinance.
3) Presidents Report
   a. 19 applications were received for the vacant Citizen at Large position on the Spokane Human Rights Commission. Discussed conducting interviews on a Saturday in March in the Community Building.
   b. Spokane Human Rights Commission By-laws will be finalized and approved at the March 28, 2017 meeting.
   c. John Lemus nominated Ashley Torres. Commission voted unanimously to approve Commission Torres as Vice Chair.

Discussion Items:
1. Work Plan Review
   - Commission President Lemus opened the discussion on the Draft Work Plan.
   - Board discussed suggested amendments to the 2017 SHRC Work Plan.
   - Council Member Stratton suggested adding data collection to the Education and Planning category of the work plan.
   - Commissioner Bishop suggested adding involvement in the Unity of the Community in August to the Education and Planning category of the work plan.
   - Commission President Lemus suggests adding the 25 year campaign to the Education and Planning category of the work plan.
   - Board discussed funding and budget options.
   - Discussed adding involvement in the schools to the Education and Planning category of the work plan.
   - Discussed budget items.
• Commission President Lemus suggested adding the Human Rights Awards to the Planning and Education category of the work plan.
• Commissioner Toston made a motion to approve the amended 2017 Work Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fallenstein. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commission Briefing Session (Continued):**

- Commissioner Lemus presents an opportunity to hold a public forum on the 2017 Human Rights Commission Work Plan.
- Commissioner Bishop shares an opportunity to spread information about the Human Rights events through Facebook.

**Discussion Items (continued):**

2. **Sub-committee updates**
   - LGBTQIA- Commissioner Bishop is working on a project with the Downtown Spokane Partnership to build a program for the LGBTQIA through their Homeless outreach program.
   - Human Trafficking- Commissioner Bishop provided an overview of the Human Trafficking Subcommittee meeting.
   - Education/Planning- Commissioner Bishop the first subcommittee meeting will be held in the beginning of March.
   - Rules & Procedure-None
   - Complaint-None

**New Business:**

- Marshallese Refugees-moved to the March Agenda
- Board discussed meeting with the Police Department regarding investigations that were not presented to the OPO. Discussed having the Chief of Police attend the next Public Meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 P.M.**

Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **February 28, 2017**