

# Spokane Human Rights Commission

**May 23, 2017**

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 5:32

## Attendance:

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

## Public Comment:

None

## Commission Briefing Session:

- 1) Minutes from the March 28, 2017 & April 25, 2017 meeting approved unanimously.
- 2) Presidential Report-
  - a. Alicia Ayars provided an overview of the updates to the Title 18 Complaint Form.
- 3) Liaison Report-
  - a. Alicia Ayars provided an update on the SHRC Budget
- 4) Pride is coming up soon. Requesting everyone have SHRC brochures on hand to pass out.

## Discussion Items:

- 1) **SHRC Bylaw Approval**
  - Commissioner Riley presented the updates made to the Spokane Human Rights Commission Bylaws
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued and additional updates made as discussed

**Fallenstein makes a motion to approve the Bylaws as amended, motion seconded by Commissioner Lemus. Motion approved unanimously (6/6)**

**Commission Riley makes a motion to add subcommittee reports to the agenda from 6:00pm-6:30pm. Commissioner Fallenstein seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. (6/6)**

- 2) **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - **LGBTQIA-**Ashley Torres presented on the upcoming PRIDE Parade on June 10. The Flag Ceremony starts at 5pm at the Gathering Place, outside City Hall. Commissioner Attendance is encouraged. Spokane Human Rights Commission will be hosting a table at the event.
  - **Complaint Subcommittee-**Commissioner Fields has been working with the State Human Rights Commission to define the SHRC's role in the complaint process.
  - **Bylaw Subcommittee-** Commissioner Riley had no further updates on the Bylaws.
  - **Planning & Education Subcommittee-** Commissioner Toston shared that the City had locked the doors and they were unable to attend the April Subcommittee meeting. No further updates.

### **New Business:**

- 1) Commissioner Fallenstein participated in the Fire Chief interviews and reports there were great candidates.
- 2) Commissioner Fields reported that the Asian Heritage Proclamation Karaoke Social will be hosted at the Red Dragon on June 3, 2017.
- 3) Commissioner Lemus reported that the MLK Center is bidding on the Ops Contract for the East Central Community Center. The Hearing will be held on Thursday May 25 at 4pm at the East Central Community Center.
- 4) Commissioner Fields reported that there is a Jury Diversity Symposium at the Washington Symposium at Gonzaga Law School on May 24 at 9am.

### **Discussion Items (Continued):**

- 1) **Spokane Police Department-Use of Force Report**
  - Director of the Spokane Police Department, Jacqui MacConnell presented the Spokane Police Department's Use of Force Report.
  - Questions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued

### **New Business (Continued):**

- Commissioner Torres reports that the doors are locked again and a public member could not get in to participate in the meeting.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 P.M.**

Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **June 27, 2017**