

Spokane Human Rights Commission

August 22, 2017

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 5:30

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Nicole Bishop, Andrea Fallenstein Lance Kissler, Aaron Reily John Lemus, Jennifer Thomas, Ashley Torres, Ronald Toston, Karen Stratton
- Board Not Members Present: Amina Fields
- Staff Members Present: Alicia Ayars

Commission Briefing Session:

- 1) Minutes for the July 25, 2017 meeting approved unanimously.
- 2) Public Comment: (3 minutes comment period)
 - a. Jade Ann Annasta spoke about the safety concerns for the Transgender and LGBTQIA population in the homeless shelters.
 - Councilwoman Stratton and Skyler Oberst will set up a meeting with Jade to gain more insight on the Transgender situation in the homeless shelters.
 - CHHS will be made aware of this issue
 - b. Mercy Aguilar purposed to add another Detective to the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.
 - Commissioner Stratton will inform Councilwoman Kinnear who is working with the Spokane Police Department and Detectives to bring awareness to this situation.
 - c. Antone Velone is seeking guidance regarding his civil rights surrounding the death of his wife and the appointed attorney in his case.
 - Suggestions were made by the Committee to look into contacting the Center of Justice, GU Law Clinic, and Genève Mann. Councilwoman Stratton will pass his contact information onto Council in hopes to provide additional resources.
 - d. Tim Brucick spoke about the concerns with Service Dog Guidelines, ADA accessibility and educating local business owners about Service Dog Guidelines.
 - Councilwoman Stratton provided a resources to a non-profit agency that can help provide service dogs with vests and ID card, so that guide dogs can be properly marked for easy identified as service dogs.
 - e. Laura Renz, from NW Service Dog Alliance is working to Educating Service Dog Awareness and help enforce the rules and regulations to the public. The NW Service Dog Alliance has made signs to hand out to local business owners.
 - Standards aren't being enforced therefore people can violate the Service Dog Requirements.
 - Councilwoman Bishop asked that Laura Renz send over the sign information created by the NW Service Dog Alliance. The Commission can help with printing costs.

3) President Report-Nicole Bishop

- a. Suicide Means Prevention Project- will be placed on hold for now, but connections have been made with Unity in the Community and Zero Suicide Spokane Coalition.
- b. Coffee with a Commissioner- Tentatively scheduled at Café Affogato in the Saranac Commons August 30, 2017 from 5pm-6pm. Attendees will be Lemus, Bishop, Torres, Kissler, and Toston.
 - Website: <http://caffe-affogato.com> Phone: (509) 868-0011
Address: 19 W Main Ave Spokane, WA 99201
 - Happy 50th Birthday Andrea Fallenstein
- c. Courageous Conversation- Nicole Bishop will be setting up a Creative Conversation this fall which will encompass human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault & how LBGTQIA are affected.
 - Councilwoman Stratton is working with Employment for People with Disabilities and has suggested that the City's next 100 day Challenge be for this cause.
- d. Work Plan Update-Retreat
 - Listening Session items will be due at the September 26, 2017 meeting
 - SHRC Retreat will be held at the October Meeting. The agenda will focus on feedback from the community, listening sessions, and the SMART Goal worksheet in order to create the 2018 work plan.

4) City Staff Report- Alicia Ayars

- Budget Update: Balance \$1705.85 two pending transactions for printing materials for Unity and the Community & name plates. The Committee needs to decide what the rest of the budget should go for? It's unclear what will happen with the budget next year? Determine if SHRC will be included in the City Council Priority Budget or if SHRC needs to go after their own line item.
 - Title 18 Update- Online Complaint form is on the website under Equal Opportunity Employment, Housing Practices, and Public Accommodations
 - Title 18 is holding two forums Wednesday August 23, 2017 at North East Community Center from 6:00-7:30p.m.
 - Thursday August 24, 2017 at West Central Community Center from 6:00-7:30PM this meeting is specific to Landlords.
 - Amendments to Title 18 - First reading next Monday August 28, 2017 and Final reading will be on September 4, 2017
- Update from Ashley Torres:**
- Rode with 3 separate officers on a ride along
 - Will meet with the person who creates the testing and the Apprenticeship Program and bring that information to the SHRC retreat to get recommendations and then meet with Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich

Discussion Items:

- 1) SCSO Restorative Practices Update - Has completed the ride along for the SCSO and has been in communication with SCSO to schedule the remaining items. Commissioners are welcome to reach out to SPD for patrol ride along.
- 2) By-Law Amendment Budget Process & Expense Authorization - Proposing a by-law amendment on expense authorization, this would be a new section to the by-laws.
 - Place under General Provisions, under sections 2.4, A. Budget & Financial Control
 - CM Stratton will check the Council Priorities.
 - a. Commissioner Kissler moved to amend the bylaws as read aloud. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. “The chair and vice chair will submit a budget request proposal to the commission to be voted on which is to be sent by the chair to the mayor and council by October of each calendar year. In any fiscal year that the SHRC receives a budget any expenditures over 200.00 the chair shall be required to obtain a vote of the full commission before city staff can authorize the expense.”
 - b. Place under General Provisions, under section 2.4, A. Budget & Financial Control

Motion approved unanimously (9/0)

- 3) Conferences-TEAM Conference will be held October 24th- 25th hosted by the Spokane Police Department
 - Commissioners Toston, Thomas & Bishop will attend
 - (IAOHRA) International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies will be holding a meeting September 14-28th 2017. For more information visit the website: <http://www.iaohra.org/pay-member-dues>
 - SHRC will Build the (IAOHRA) meeting into the budget for 2018

Standing Updates:

1) Subcommittee Updates:

- Subcommittee meeting will be held August 24th 2017 from 5:30-7:00p.m. The topic of the meeting will focus on the progress updates for the 2018 work plan
- End of the Year Pride Cruise was Saturday June 3rd from 2:00p.m- 4:00p.m. For more information visit the website: <https://outspokane.org/pride-cruise>
- Human Trafficking- Commissioner Nicole Bishop
 - Voting on Police protocols
 - The next meeting will be held at Aunties Bookstore on Wednesday, September 6th from 5:30-7:00p.m.
 - The SHRC will be getting a new Intern
- **Rules and Procedures-** Commissioner Riley
 - Subcommittee meeting Monday, September 18th at 5:30 P.M. in the City Hall
 - Meeting will focus on two changes to the by-laws
- **Complaint Subcommittee-**

WAHRC Report- Fields and Fallenstein will brief the Commission in September

New Business:

The Focus will be on upcoming events

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **September 26, 2017**