

# Spokane Human Rights Commission

August 28, 2018

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

### Commission Briefing Session:

#### A. Public Comment

Mara Spitzer spoke on Tenant's rights and provided a document from the Tenants Union of Washington State.

Another member of the public spoke regarding his friend being harassed by police while sitting with a tent by City Hall.

#### B. Roll Call and Approve the June 26 Minutes:

a. Commission Members Present: Nicole Bishop, Lance Kissler, Ronald Toston, John Lemus, Aaron Riley, Jennifer Thomas, Kate Burke, Jac Archer, Earl Moore

b. Commission Members Absent: None

c. Staff Members Present: Danielle Cossey

d. Quorum: Yes

#### Approve the July 24, 2018 Minutes:

Minutes approved unanimously.

### Discussion Items

#### 1) Vice President and Anti-Trafficking Subcommittee Chair Vote

- After each candidate shared their qualifications, the commission voted.
- Jennifer Thomas was named the Human Trafficking Subcommittee Chair.
- Lance Kissler was named the Spokane Human Rights Commission Vice Chair.

#### 2) Update, Spokane Human Rights Task Force

Lisa Rosier spoke about how the Task Force works differently than the Commission. Dean Lynch also spoke.

#### 3) Human Rights and Task Force Partnership

The Commission discussed speeding up the process to ask for submissions by October and have the awards ceremony before the end of the year due to funding.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **September 25, 2018**