

Spokane Human Rights Commission

October 23, 2018

Meeting Minutes

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

Commission Briefing Session:

A. Roll Call and Approve the June 26 Minutes:

- a. Commission Members Present: Nicole Bishop, Lance Kissler, Ronald Toston, John Lemus, Aaron Riley, Earl Moore, Jennifer Thomas, Kate Burke
- b. Commission Members Absent: Jac Archer
- c. Staff Members Present: Danny Cossey
- d. Quorum: Yes

Approve the September 28, 2018 Minutes and August 28, 2018:

Request made to amend the minutes with the following corrections to September 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Ronald Toston was not present at the meeting and did not give an update. Minutes approved unanimously 8/0.

Amend October 23, 2018 Meeting Agenda:

Request made to amend the agenda with the following corrections: replace “budget” to “work plan discussion”, “strategic planning” to “budget” and “outreach and legislative agenda” to become “strategic planning with Vice-Chair Kissler” and “updates” become “Human Rights Awards”.

B. Public Comment: no public comment

Subcommittee Updates

• **Suicide Means Prevention Task Force - Commissioner Lemus**

There is discussion of means prevention on the Monroe Bridge possible the Meenach Bridge. A meeting is set next week for a Task Force meeting. Commissioner Burke suggests a banner on City Hall with encouraging message and hotline number.

• **LGBT Update - Commissioner Kissler**

The group is unable to make a connection with Gonzaga so they will reach out to Odessey Youth Movement.

• **Criminal Justice Committee - Commissioner Toston**

The city has reached the final round of funding for the Safety and Justice Challenge so the committee is looking into accountability and sustainability with re-entry of past offenders.

• **Education and Planning Sub-committee, Commissioner Kissler**

No updates

• **Anti-trafficking Update**

No update but there is a concern with the language of human trafficking vs prostitution in the County law.

Discussion Items

1) Work Plan and Budget Discussions - Commissioner Bishop

The following Goals were discussed:

- Outreach: social media, reach out to other organizations, mail notifications
 - Civic Impact: The SHRC should work on lobbying and policy advocacy objectives in a nonpartisan way and by vote.
 - Stability planning: organizational infrastructure and branding materials will help ensure the SHRC stays productive.
- Discussion ensued.

2) Budget Ask

- a. The total budget request for the 2019 fiscal year is \$6,897.76

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **November 27, 2018**