

Spokane Human Rights Commission

January 22, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Commission Briefing Session:

A. Roll Call:

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

B. **Public Comment:** One speaker on the issue of how the City handles homelessness inhumanely and another town that has tiny homes for the homeless.

C. **Approve November 27, 2018 and December 5, 2018 minutes:** Approved

Commission Guests

1. Healthy Youth Collaborative

Canceled presentation.

2. Anti-Trafficking Awareness Month-

Educated the council on things to look for to recognize victims of sexual trafficking as well as what the Jonah Project does to help victims. The two main topics were the wording of “child prostitute” versus “trafficking victim” and the transparency of advocacy organizations to be able to work together.

Commission Business

1. Civic Impact Priorities

Amended the voting list to include housing justice and affordable housing to homelessness, as well as aging and senior issues. Economic Justice was also added and Criminal Justice was amended to include “reform”.

2. Bylaws Update Discussion

Deferred to the next meeting.

3. Meeting Times, Elections, Social Media, Tracking Goals

Commissioner Bishop will send out a doodle to find the best times for a meeting. Social media was discussed in regards to how to make sure the council page content represented the entire council. Staff member Danny read the results of the priority poll for Civic Impact Issue Ballot. The top five issues to be focused on were 1) Criminal Justice Reform 2) Homelessness/affordable housing/ housing justice 3) Tie between Human trafficking and Hate Crimes 5) Mental Health/ Suicide prevention. The issues that were considered but not identified as a top priority were LGBTQIA, Domestic Violence, Social/racial/economic justice, diversity/inclusion, and aging issues.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **February 26, 2019**

Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. An audiotape of the meeting is on file –Spokane Human Rights Commission, City of Spokane