

Spokane Human Rights Commission

April 3, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:43 p.m.

Commission Briefing Session:

A. Public Comment

- Jared Burkes, analyst and Spokane resident who has supported political campaigns and prior investigator for APS. Willing to help with SHRC with projects.
- Laura Lynch, NW Service Dog Alliance, concerned with previous meeting when another public speaker who had dog who was not on leash or under owner's control which prevented her from speaking at meeting. She invited commissioners to next board meeting for service dog regulation education.
- Megan Perry, message from Ron Tostson that he is doing well and has about three more weeks of therapy in Seattle. Ms. Perry reported she is an employee of Pioneer of Human Services and they are starting a group called "All of Us or None" a grassroots movement for formerly incarcerated people and their families.

B. Roll Call and Approve the June 26 Minutes:

- a) Commission Members Present: Nicole Bishop, Lance Kissler, John Lemus, Aaron Riley, Jac Archer
- b) Commission Members Absent: Jennifer Thomas, Earl Moore, Kate Burke, Ronald Tostson
- c) Staff Members Present: none
- d) Quorum: Yes

Discussion Items

1) Bylaws Discussion - Commissioner Bishop

- a. Commissioner Lemus provided new bylaws language regarding budget and financial controls.
- b. Chair Bishop discussed changes in board composition.
- c. Chair Bishop discussed changed in subcommittees. The language "subcommittees include but are not limited to" added to allow for future changes without bylaw revisions.
- d. Commissioner Kissler made motion to forward bylaw changes to City Legal for review.

2) OPMA Discussion - Commissioner Bishop

- a. Mike Piccolo will attend May 1st meeting for refresher. Reminder that when emails are sent or social media are used and five or more commissioners are participating it could constitute a public meeting. Commissioner Bishop asked commissioners to bring specific questions for Mr. Piccolo.

3) Social Media - Chair Bishop

- a. Chair Bishop reported social media posts are up but reminded commissioners to abide by their social media post commitments.

4) Resolution on Condemning Hate Groups

- a. Chair Bishop spoke to City Legal who gave an opinion that resolution would be most in line with commission and did not find any problematic language.
 - b. Commissioners reviewed proposed language and offered revisions.
 - c. Commissioners discussed what parameters the commission can place on speakers to the Human Rights Commission. Commission will follow up with legal advisor.
 - d. Commissioner Lemus made motion and Commission Archer seconded to vote on resolution. Commissioner Kissler offered amendment to postpone posting on social media pending notification of all commissioners by chair. Motion passed.
- 5) Strategic Plan
- a. Commissioner Archer made motion and Commissioner Lemus seconded motion to table discussion till next meeting.
- 6) OPMA Questions for Mike Piccolo
- a. Chair Bishop is keeping running list of questions for Mike Piccolo

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **May 1, 2019**