

Spokane Human Rights Commission

August 7, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm

Commission Briefing Session:

- A. Public Comment
 - a. None
- B. Roll Call and Approve the June 5, 2019 Minutes:
 - a. Commission Members Present: Nicole Bishop, John Lemus, Aaron Riley, Lance Kissler, Kate Burke.
 - b. Commission Members Absent: Earl Moore (excused), Ronald Toston (excused for medical leave), Jac Archer (absent), and Jennifer Thomas (absent)
 - c. Staff Members Present: Melissa Morrison
 - d. Quorum: No

Approve the June 5th Minutes: unable to approve due to no quorum

Discussion Items

- 1) Shelter Update
 - a. Kelly Keenan requested to reschedule presentation to September meeting. Staff will make presentation in September regarding homeless shelter.
- 2) Salutation for No-Li Brewery
 - a. Chair Bishop gave background on No-Li Brewery offering pint glasses in support of racial and ethnic minorities and LGBTQ+ equality. No-Li has history of supporting community causes including homelessness. Chair Bishop presented draft of salutation to No-Li. Chair read copy of salutation for commission. Discussion on proposed edits for salutation.
 - b. No-Li Brewery to be invited to September meeting to be presented
 - c. Commissioner Kissler informed group of t shirts No-Li sells in support of nonprofits.
- 3) Lime Bikes
 - a. Commissioner Lemus provided update that City of Spokane Police Chief is in support of enforcing Lime restrictions on sidewalks.
 - b. Commissioner Burke provided information on how everyone is impacted by Lime in Spokane and ensuring that sidewalks accessible to everyone, including individuals with hidden disabilities, parents with strollers and delivery persons.
 - c. Chair Bishop gave update on her meeting with Colin Quinn-Hurst and information on video instructions.
- 4) Unity in the Community/Budget/Data Reporting
 - a. Unity in the Community - Chair Bishop requested volunteers for Unity in the Community booth. Commissioner Lemus, Chair Bishop, Commissioner Kissler, and Commissioner Riley volunteered to be present at booth.
 - b. Chair Bishop asked commissioners about availability for phone interviews of potential commissioners. Commissioner Kissler, Commissioner Riley, and Commissioner Lemus volunteered to participate in interviews.
 - c. Chair Bishop reviewed budget expenditures.

- d. Commissioner Lemus discussed making the current SHRC work plan a two year work plan to allow more time to complete goals and tasks. Chair Bishop discussed possible reorganization.
 - e. Chair Bishop presented data tracking and reviewed social media engagement.
 - i. Chair Bishop gave update on meetings with SRLJC, NOW, Spokane County Human Rights Tasks Force on jail deaths and new jail. Chair Bishop invited commissioners to take tour of jail.
 - ii. Commissioner Kissler gave update on End the Violence domestic violence strategy meetings.
 - iii. Commissioner Riley gave update on Senior LGBTQ+ meetings. Commissioner Riley also attended ALTCEW planning meetings. Commissioner Riley recently joined Spokane NAACP and will provide updates to the SHRC.
 - f. Chair Bishop provided information for event Letters from A at Shadle Library regarding labor exploitation.
 - g. Commissioner Lemus will send out draft suicide prevention strategic plan for commissioners to review.
- 5) Bylaws**
- a. Commissioners reviewed bylaws but unable to vote on bylaws due to lack of quorum.
 - b. Commissioner Riley reviewed changes made since April. Commissioner Riley reviewed highlighted sections for commissioners.
- 6) Chick-fil-A**
- a. Commissioner Riley expressed concerns with Chick-fil-A locating to Spokane. Commissioner Riley asked what City of Spokane can do regarding franchising. Commissioner Kissler seconded concerns. Commissioner Riley, Commissioner Kissler and Chair Bishop will draft statement.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **September 4, 2019**