

Spokane Human Rights Commission September 2, 2021

Meeting Minutes: Called to order at 5:34

Land Acknowledgment

Public Comment:

Commission Briefing Session:

Commission Members Present: Hayley Harrison, Anwar Peace, Brennan Schreiber, Abigail Baker,

Commission Member Not Present: Moore, Lance Kissler, Jac Archer, CM Wilkerson

Community Members Present: Alex Gibilisco City Council Staff, Travis McAdam, Diane, Joseph Seia, Karen Stromgren, Kiana McKenna, Veta Schlimgen,

August Minutes approved

Discussion Items

1. Chair reports attached to the meeting packet
 - a. Reappointment process for Commissioner Archer has been started
 - b. Treasure State Values, Montana Human Rights Network
 - i. Diane provided history of organization group, working towards joining the Montana Human Rights Network (Mineral County)
 - ii. Focus on education
 - iii. Goals, promote human rights, educate and inform people on the rise of hate groups, oppose groups that restrict human right,
 - iv. Issues, neighborhood group meeting, because of paper, apprehend people until they get there, 1776 to start constitutional, going to school boards and anti-mask
 - v. [Red Pill Festival](#)
 - vi. Better Together – Action a week before Red Hilltop
 - vii. Militia, Far Right,
2. Monaghan Statue Courageous Conversations Planning
 - a. Remove the Monaghan and would like to get the support of commission
 - b. “Anti-Racism is an active process of identifying and eliminating racism by changing systems, organizational structures, policies and practices and attitudes, so that power is redistributed and shared equitably.” NAC International Perspectives
 - c. Plaque calls Samoans as “savages,” often used to justify atrocities committed against indigenous people
 - d. Historical context and justification for it’s removal
 - i. The Monaghan statue and its pediment commemorate a war that was not honorable, and that caused pain and destruction of Sāmoan communities.
 - ii. The *bas-relief* pediment on the statue uses degrading language, perpetuates racist stereotypes, and misrepresents Sāmoan defenders of their land, homes, and resources.

- iii. They serve as a constant reminder of a painful past and thus continue to inflict harm and cause pain to the Sāmoan and the larger Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community.
 - e. Statue is owned by the City of Spokane both space and statue and impediment
 - f. Petition https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/remove-the-racist-john-r-monaghan-statue-in-downtown-spokane-wa?share=5ac32ef3-8b3a-48cb-bb43-0398a061560a&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email
- 3. Appointing SHRC liaison to Citizen's Transportation Advisory Board
 - a. Tabled till the next meeting
- 4. Courageous Conversation
 - a. Anwar- envision 3 different events
 - i. Impacted family members that were impacted by police violence
 - ii. Police – Potentially facilitated by Robert Murphy
 - iii. Mental Health
 - iv. Mediator/ facilitator of meeting Bob and co-facilitator and pay them at market rate

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting scheduled Thursday, October 7th 2021 at 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.