Spokane Human Rights Commission October 7, 2021

Meeting Minutes: Called to order at 5:34

Land Acknowledgment

Public Comment: Nicholette Appletree- Called to show gratitude for Commission championing Human Rights

Commission Briefing Session:

Commission Members Present: Lance Kissler, Abigail Baker, Hayley Harrison, Brennan Schreibman, Anwar Peace

Commission Member Not Present: Earl Moore, Jac Archer, CM Wilkerson

Community Members Present: Alex Gibilisco City Council Staff, Jerrall Haynes CR Coordinator, Terri Anderson, Kaitlin

September Minutes approved

Discussion Items

1. Chair reports attached to the meeting packet
   a. OCR exploratory task force set to meet, interested in inviting Jerrall Haynes to future meeting
   b. VP Harrison worked with Sheriff’s department around Courageous Conversations
   c. Sent sponsorship letters
      i. NoLi Brew House donated $1,000
   d. Vacancy applications
      i. Originally two but sent in a third
      ii. Staffing changes have slowed things down
      iii. Commissioner Archer will continue to serve until otherwise informed
   e. Received anonymous email complaint
      i. Against a police officer
      ii. Complaint doesn’t fall under our purview so it was forwarded to the Police ombudsmen
   f. Budget
      i. Paid $100 for pride booth
      ii. Business card expense
      iii. Potential for fund toward tenants’ rights
      iv. $1,000 sponsorship passed
   g. Anwar question around publics access to Commission meetings
      i. Exploration of posting via social media needed
      ii. Setup of WebEx meeting for public viewing a possibility

2. Welcome Jerrall Haynes
   a. Shared how he came into this role
   b. Shared expectations for outcomes of his work
   c. Spoke about community engagement
   d. Shared details of his background
3. Tenant Education and Protections- Terri Anderson
   a. Shared statistics on demographics of renters and owners in Spokane and the state.
      i. Mentioned housing being a racial equity issue
   b. Shared resources for renters to get help.
   c. Discussed ideas for sharing and promoting information and ideas
      i. Brochures
      ii. Information on website
      iii. Social media
      iv. Utility bill insert
   d. Will work with Alex, Jerrall and Lance on spreading information
      i. Ask city council to move expediently on housing/rental protections
   e. New protections needed as old ones are outdated.
   f. Motion to proceed with developing materials and strategies
      i. Open ended budget amount, minimum of $1000
      ii. Motion passed

4. Officer and Subcommittee Nominations
   a. Move the officer and subcommittee nominations until the finalization of the bylaws

5. Monaghan Statue Discussion
   a. Motion to sign onto support of its removal
   b. Motion approved
   c. Lance and Anwar will work together to draft resolution-motion
   d. Look into what the policies and procedures to renaming and removing statues

6. Update to the bylaws
   a. Proposed change to extend chairs term length
   b. Anwar and Hayley recommend Chair Kessler serve a 3rd year if granted by the commission
   c. Removed going to 2 or 3 year terms

7. Subcommittee Update
   a. Need nominees for October meeting
   b. Gives time to prepare for November election
   c. $1,000 sponsorship approved for awards program
   d. Sponsoring a booth at Pride Parade

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting scheduled Thursday, October 7th 2021 at 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.