

# 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 Sherriff'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  - e. New protections needed as old ones are outdated.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 Kissler serve a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.