

# MONTHLY MEETING 02/02/2023

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02 FEBRUARY 2023 / 5:30 PM / CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Read by:** Chair Peace

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**In-person:** No public comment

**Online:** Ivan Urnovitz - Discussed the importance of Black History Month & appreciation for Chair Peace's op-ed.

## ROLL CALL

**Present (in-person):** Anwar Peace, Lance Kissler, Brennan Schreibman, Olivia Arballo-Saenz, Maria Hernandez-Peck, Hayley Harrison, Karen Stratton

**Present (online):** Jac Archer, Livia Koh (joined later)

**Absent:** Alex Knox

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion to remove minutes for editing & approve consent agenda:** Commissioner Kissler

**Seconded:** Vice-Chair Schreibman

**Final outcome:** Motion carried by unanimous decision.

## AMENDING MINUTES FROM CONSENT AGENDA

**Edits required:** Two names misspelled, quotation missing, missing the word "of".

**Motion to approve the minutes with the changes discussed:** Commissioner Harrison

**Seconded:** Commissioner Kissler

**Final outcome:** Motion carried by unanimous decision

## **GUEST: KURTIS ROBINSON, NAACP (SPOKANE BRANCH PRESIDENT)**

Kurtis talked with us about the significance of the black heroes and legends in our own community & the responsibility each of us has.

### **Notes:**

- We can discuss and admire people like MLK, but are we noticing what's going on right next to us?
- Do you live being an anti-racist? Or is not being racist good enough? Because just not being racist is being complicit in the system of white supremacy.
- "You can't fix what you won't face" - something he heard from David Condon (former Spokane mayor)
- Responsibility - break it down - response ability - what's your ability to respond?
- "It's a conversation not condemnation, it's an invitation for liberation."

### **Guest Contact information:**

Website: <https://naacpspokane.com/>

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## **GUEST PRESENTATION: TERRENCE NELSON, REVIVE COUNSELING**

Terrence discussed his own personal journey, Revive's founding in 2015, and the work Revive is doing now.

### **Notes:**

Revive Family of Organizations has 3 parts:

- Revive Center for Returning Citizens - nonprofit, deals with a lot of education services, located in Resource Center
  - Reentry Core Competency & Race Re-Education
- Revive Counseling
  - includes foundational support such as housing and employment services
  - Peer support
- Revive Re-entry - Transitional housing - 34 men's beds across 4 houses, 31 women's beds across 4 houses
  - Safe place with supportive services on-site
- Contracted to provide services at Camp Hope & the Trent Shelter
- Low barrier
- Compassionate approach
- Works with others in the community in creative ways
- "It's not a program, it's a process"
- Ask: Get out there and be a part of what's happening. We can't do that without you. (Connections to landlord, employments, always can use more resources & there's no cookie-cutter approach)

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## UPDATE: DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

**Chair Peace gave an update:** The Mayor offered the position to one candidate. Candidate subsequently rescinded their application. Now we're back at square one.

## DISCUSSION: 2023 WORK PLAN

**Homelessness/Housing**  
**Office of Civil Rights, Equity, & Inclusion**  
**Public Safety & Police Reform**  
**Accessibility**

## UPDATE: SHRC COMMISSIONER RETREAT

**Date:** February 18, 2023 decided for group retreat

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Executive Committee - Chair Peace:** Met twice, discussed workplan and retreat

**Outreach Committee - Commissioner Arballo-Saenz:** Fig Tree advertisement price will go up, TBD. Discussed Coffee with a Commissioner. Working on a Community Events Calendar. Gonzaga International Conference on Hate Studies - potentially co-host; will discuss sponsoring after we have our 2023 budget information.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BEATING OF TYRIE NICHOLS

**Chair Peace made a statement regarding the recent beating that resulted in the death of Tyrie Nichols.**

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**Chair Peace adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.**