

SHRC Meeting

04 January 2024 / 5:35 PM-7:11PM / CITY COUNCIL

Attendees

COMMISSIONERS: Anwar Peace, Maria Hernandez-Peck, Brennan Schreibman, Alex Knox, Livia Koh, Olivia Arballo-Saenz, Hayley Harrison

OTHERS: OCREI Director Jerrall Haynes, NAACP President Lisa Gardener

Public Comment

Ivan Urnovitz: Comment about Monaghan statue, collaborations suggested

Agenda

Odyssey Youth Movement

- Ian Sullivan (he/him) Executive Director + Chandler (they/them) Communications
- 30+ years in the community supporting LGBTQ+ Youth, serving greater Spokane area (and further)
- In 2023, vandalism incident occurred
- Working to include Youth Voices (youth representation)
- Use mentors + volunteers to support youth community (applications open)
- Drop-in programs for youth + young adults to connect w/ peers and community, supplying resources for youth in need (meals, clothing, etc.)
- Host events (Youth Queer Prom, Masquerade, etc.) for LGBTQ+ community

Questions

- Commissioner Knox asks about strengthening policy for LGBTQ+ community
 - Trans/non-binary focus, housing access, keeping lens opened to BIPOC members of community
- Commissioner Schreibman asks about GSA
 - GSAs are student + youth-led, basically a club at a school
- Lisa Gardener asks about collaboration between NAACP + Odyssey/ LGBTQ+ youth
- Commissioner Knox asks about hate crime reporting (like [Human Rights Spokane](#))
 - took steps of the report, could work to streamline form, safety concerns
- Commissioner Koh asks about youth creating better communities
 - empower youth to lead, connect in with other groups (BSUs, etc.)
 - don't be afraid to advocate for your needs
- Commissioner Hernandez-Peck asks about LGBTQ+ education

- colleges, presentations + clubs in schools still active

2024 Work Plan

- Commissioner Hernandez-Peck discusses supporting a diversity of age ranges
 - youth, elderly (long-term care)
- Commissioner Knox discusses shelter inadequacies, strengthening hate crime reporting, homelessness
- Commissioner Schreibman discusses homelessness
- Commissioner Peace discusses public safety + police reform
- Commissioner Knox brings up 2 resolutions to consider in New Year
- Commissioner Schreibman brings up collaboration with OCREI under State Human Rights Commission Grant

Committee Lead Elections

- Commissioner Schreibman motions to appoint committee leads subject to committee membership, Commissioner Harrison seconds
 - Commissioner Arballo-Saenz to Chair of Outreach Committee
 - Commissioner Knox to Chair of Civic Impact Committee
- Motion Carries

Committee Updates

- Civic Impact could work in stronger cohesion with the full SHRC in 2024, 2 resolutions
- Update on budget: \$3,500 for 2024

SHRC 2024 WORK PLAN

AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Diversifying age range of support
 - youth + elderly (long-term care)
- Homelessness
 - shelter inadequacies, specifically for trans/non-binary youth
 - housing
- Public Safety + Police Reform
 - creating more connections with the police department + public safety
 - strengthening Hate Crime Reporting
- Supporting Language Access Ordinance
 - helping to identify helpers for translation
- Collaboration with OCREI under State Human Rights Commission Grant