

SHRC Meeting

03 JULY 2024 / 5:38 PM-7:57PM / CITY COUNCIL

Attendees

COMMISSIONERS: Anwar Peace, Maria Hernandez-Peck, Brennan Schreibman, Kurtis Robinson, Livia Koh, Susan McFadden

Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment

Andres Grageda, legislative assistant to Councilmember Navarette: Homeless Bill of Rights proposal discussed- updated the resolution sent to City Council from SHRC, will be sent to the Urban Experience Committee, resolution could be amended by City Council

- brings up emailing City Council to advocate for the legislation

Agenda

Presentation from City of Spokane Planning- Climate Planning

- new climate provisions added to Growth Management Act in 2023
- Climate affects all aspects of planning, needs integrative approach

Focus: Climate Resilience, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Environmental + Climate Justice

- not all climate impacts are created equal or distributed equally, recognizing disproportionate impacts on vulnerable populations + emphasizing fair treatment will be implemented (HEAL act)
- Urban Heat Islands demonstrated

Climate Engagement

- understand Spokane's current state from diverse perspectives
- develop shared community Vision
- develop and refine draft goals and priorities

Phase 1: startup, exploring climate impacts + justice, auditing plans + policies, assess climate vulnerability + risk

Experience Matters - Fentanyl Crisis

- data on overdoses is around a year old for Spokane

- Experience Matters called on local governance to push for public health emergency
- passed resolution to address the fentanyl crisis in Spokane
- Mayor Brown declared emergency for opioid crisis

Spokane Regional Health District

- hosting community conversations
- public listening session Wednesday, July 24

Experience Matters

- continues to work on organizing efforts
- fentanyl is very deadly in very small quantities, Narcan is essential

OCREI Presentation

- mission is to identify + develop systems and behavioral change solutions that advance equitable outcomes
- envision 3 part structure: civil rights, equity + inclusion, education
- envision departments: Native American Affairs, Black Community Engagement, Immigrant + Refugee Affairs, Hispanic/LatinX Affairs, LGBTQ+ Community Engagements, etc.

Ongoing Work

- language access
- hate incident hotline
- ADA transition plan
- Title VI plan update
- City Wide Equity Assessment
- Human Resources DEI policy

Motion made by Chair Peace to extend the meeting by about 15 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Schreibman and passed

Commissioner Schreibman makes a motion for the whole commission to recommend the reappointment of the current Youth Position, seconded and passed

First Read of Ordinance

- includes provisions to expand commission to add potential 3 youth representatives and 1 additional adult commissioner

Meeting Adjourned