

SHRC Meeting

01 AUGUST 2024 / 5:35 PM-8:15PM / CITY COUNCIL

Attendees

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

Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment

Andres Grageda, legislative assistant to Councilmember Navarette: discusses Homeless Rights Bill deferral + next steps

- CM Navarette discusses ordinance + push for it to pass
- procedure for investigating discrimination may need to be strengthened
 - Jerrall says OCREI has authority over state law, specific city laws are less common

Ivan Urnovitz: comments on Monaghan Statue

- pushing for respect, recognition, reconciliation
- Chair Peace redirects Urnovitz to City Council
- Commissioner Robinson says reconciliation requires initial harmony

Justice Forral: bringing up decolonizing organizing, a workshop they lead

- says SHRC has had impacts on community

Agenda

Presentation from Alex Gibilisco: Manager of Equity + Inclusion for City Council Office

- brings up investigation on belonging in Spokane
- brings in idea that the main problem is “othering” and that everyone belongs
- defines belonging, talks about 3 major points of workshop attended
 - Places of Belonging
 - Belonging Economies

- Long Bridging
- tools to use could include targeted universalism, building a shared narrative
- emphasizes community engagement with strong connection and communication
- there is a community plan to make policies more accessible
- Coming Up: keeping families together is up for vote, holiday recognition ordinance, potential gathering with state office of Equity

Interviewing Candidates

Earl Moore

- served on commission previously
- familiar with mission statement, says has a good understanding
 - she feels like SHRC was a good time in her life
 - says she believes in diversity
- strives to be involved in politics
- grew up on a reservation with her Native mother
- senior population of Spokane is over 17%
- 14.2% of older adults live in poverty
- Commissioner Koh asks what Moore has learned from running for office
 - Moore states that she feels like both sides of the political spectrum are necessary
- Commissioner Peace thanks for service, asks about her support for former police chief
 - states that she supported the chief, but did not think the organizations that stood against him “sucked”
- Commissioner Robinson asks why now?
 - Moore states she has more time now, as well as more awareness

Justice Forral

- does public outreach + service, feels like it is a drop in the bucket
- believes in commission, believes in restorative justice
- won a SNAP equity award
- Commissioner McFadden thanks for service, asks if Forral would feel like the commission process is too slow?
 - Forral doesn't expect immediacy
- Commissioner Robinson asks why now?
 - Forral states that they are applying now because they are at a good place, with good connections
 - thinks they are at the right place to do the job
- Forral states that despite their controversial takes, they are always invited back, and that everyone deserves to belong to this community

Wealthy Vue

- parents were from Laos, heritage drives his value
- believes in everyone having rights to their own opinions, honor, protecting, and serving
- Gprep, Gonzaga grad, ASU Legal + Harvard alum
- Leader in the Hmong community, and wants to represent and serve
- wants to see community grow
- Commissioner Schreibman asks why this commission?
 - Vue states that there's no place like Spokane, loves working with the underrepresented, loves Spokane
- Commissioner McFadden asks what the immigrant/Hmong community wants to work towards
 - Vue states that they want to be included and he wants to amplify Hmong voices

Commissioners will send in their top 2 recommendations by next Thursday

Resolution on Amending the SHRC Ordinance

- increases age limit for youth representative to 18
- increases youth commission to multiple representatives
- adds an adult member of commission
- Commissioner McFadden suggests extending terms for youth representatives to 2 years

Commissioner Harrison motions to pass ordinance with suggested changes, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, passed.

Meeting Adjourned