

SHRC Meeting

03 OCTOBER 2024 / 5:30 PM-7:36PM / CITY COUNCIL

Attendees

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

Land Acknowledgement

Agenda

Chair's Report

Motion to buy 2 tables at the Human Rights Gala passed

Proclamation recognizing and honoring Debbie Novak read, passed, proclamation presented to Debbie Novak

Debbie Novak Presentation

- described David Novak's life and his death
- David was killed by a Spokane Police Officer on 1/7/2019
- Debbie Novak describes the process of uncovering evidence and bringing justice to David
- 4 bills to be aware of this legislative session, including an Independent Prosecutor Bill for Police Investigation
- Discussed the lax/nonexistent regulations on the police force

Cynthia Manycolors Presentation

- presented on Bjorn Manycolors's death, who was killed by 2 Sheriff's Office Deputies on 6/3/2023.
- wants to see better levels of police investigation, safety, mandatory retraining, de escalation, reform of police systems.

Jim Leighty Presentation

- presented on the death of Craig Johnson, who was killed by a Bonner County Sheriff's Sgt. on 9/26/2017.
- highlights the thousands of deaths each year as a result of police shootings
- aims to bring healing and justice to those impacted by such issues
- advocates for challenging the narrative on stories like Craig's
- started an organization called Citizen Nine26 to help find legal representation, resources, etc.
- advocates for better deescalation and safety training
- in the history of Spokane, no Spokane Police shooting has been deemed unjustified

Chair Peace discusses a Courageous Conversation series

- Executive Team will be meeting with the new Police Chief Kevin Hall
- The Police Chief will be at SHRC meeting on December 5th

Meeting Adjourned