

MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
October 27, 2020 5:00-6:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present: Haifa, Ibn, Di, Britt, Angel. Not present: Kalino (change if shows up)

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. UAS Power & Privilege Symposium Preparation (APPROVED) – *We had requested a session on Tuesday at 2:00pm but was given one on Wednesday. We asked to be moved back to Tuesday, so tentatively we have Tuesday at 4pm.*
- B. Invitation e-mail to Senator Jesse Kiehl (approve e-mail) & Alternate Presenters
- C. Citizen’s Group Guests

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 13 minutes approved.

V. MEETING GOAL

- a. Finalize UAS Power & Privilege Symposium presentation.
- b. Meet with Citizen’s Group Advocates RE: *Requesting a virtual meeting with you concerning police policies and procedures*

VI. Public Testimony – none-

VII. UPCOMING MEETING DATE:

Nov. 5th, 2020; 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Nov. 27th, 2020; 5:00pm – 6:00pm

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Closed at 6:00pm

Minutes for Oct. 27th Meeting (Corresponding with II. Approval of Agenda):

A. Dividing up the action items (D, B, C) as follows:

Resolution Item D- Angel

Resolution Item B- Britta

Resolution Item C- Ibn

Identify some sort of template or structure for processing that can be used for all three sessions to discuss each action item.

3 minutes intro to the session. We have 50 minutes net time so make sure that whomever does the plenary session get 15 minutes. Right away, move into breakout groups and basically have 25 minutes of group work session time. Come back with a summary (5-10 minutes total) to close out the session.

B. Did not discuss the particulars of a letter to Jesse Kiehl or alternates.

C. Concerned Citizens Group's letter to police chief sites John Katzeek case – at least 4 of the policies and procedures in the police operations manual that was not complied with specifically in this case, but overall, want to discuss policies with chief of police with the idea of progressing to a process in which public participation can be created to amend any issues that might naturally come up out of that conversation. Started with an idea that the group, going back 5 years ago, had meeting with former and the progress made was that the police adopted bodycams. Just this past July, they made public their operations manual with a provision about how bodycams are supposed to be used and how the video is supposed to be retained. Body cameras can work to capture how police behave towards the public, but specifically the mentally ill or developmentally disable, or complaint about officer behavior, etc. There are procedures they have and, in this case, did not follow those procedures. One of the things we want to figure out is what kind of a process can be developed so that we can have this public conversation.

An area that we can focus on is what happens when the policy and procedures aren't followed. Is there an accountability system? Does it work cohesively with the policy and procedures.

We can work together to write a Resolution that can be comprehensive to pass to the Assembly to inform and helpfully move forward. Where are the gaps? The things that are in place could be good and could work, but there may be gaps that are ineffective or damaging to others. We can identify a system of working together and channel ideas to move through to the Assembly.

We can check to see if their equipment is effective, why some electronic information is not preserved when other information is stored.

Since we are educational, maybe working in a restorative justice manner to bring this out of racism to a broader human rights issue.

Set up another meeting to start working with the Concerned Citizen's Group to provide our support, want to represent all the voices, base our interactions on conversations versus arguments, and we want to be as comprehensive as including human rights, individual rights, accountability system, education, and making sure technology is of a quality that can be dependable. With the letter presented, can move forward with coming up with some specific steps. We can set up a meeting and even think about the meeting coming up on 11/24.

Meetings need to happen on public forum, as the requirements of HRC meetings is being open to the public.

Closing Thoughts: I think it's important that we keep things moving and we don't drop the ball and let things go for too long. Now that the subject is broached, The HRC will have the opportunity to think about this possible committee as well. Also, consider if it would be appropriate for a member of the commission to join with the community group meeting with the police.