

MINUTES  
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA  
May 4, 2021 5:00-6:30 PM

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- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
  - a. Present: Haifa Sadighi, Ibn Bailey, Britta Tonnessen, Mary Wegner, Angel Collins, Di Cathcart
  - b. Absent: none
  
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - a. Strategic Planning

**Top things we need to address:**

1. Addressing critical issues on time. Calendaring, meeting dates,
2. Continue our work in promotion, education, and creating public discourse
3. Support the work of the assembly in our function as an advisory group

**How do we want to structure #2:**

Inviting guest speakers - we can put a list of subjects that we would like to address.

1. Issues concerning women's safety and Well-being- rape; disappearing women - Missing and Murdered indigenous women and girls. LGBTQ, tribal, black women issues, homelessness and women, how cases prosecuted,
2. Have seven subjects - each member in charge of contributing, finalizing the medium
3. Monthly human rights awareness sessions - introduce subjects into the community and awaken the awareness of an issue that we might not have been aware of. If we want to delve deeper, organize a session.

Look into related ordinances and subjects that we are going to select to be human rights awareness series. We can look into those to see how responsive the policy is - then we can go from the awareness, to the action, to the advisory piece.

Instead of having one liaison permanently, we have a liaison for each of the subjects to be present. Having an active assembly collection. If we want to lead to action in the end, we would have an advocate at the table who understands what the information we are presenting.

Di suggests that we make the request in the annual report to get an Assembly liaison. Towards the end, where we put in what we are discussing now.

**In Summary: Human rights awareness series of speakers, identify relevant subjects, members in charge of them once identified, and previous to the presentation, Ibn will find relevant policies and will figure out if there are areas that deserve to be revisited (reflection and action) and advise the Assembly - letter and language of polices specific to those subjects that warrant consideration and revision. In our annual report, going to request that we are assigned a specific liaison to the Assembly.**

#### **How do we want to work to Address Critical Issues (#1)**

What structure are we supposed to access internally, individuals, via sub-committees, anything that we can go to right away to talk about these issues?

Two items - we were going to add a permanent item in our agenda; a Public Comment. Maybe the 2nd one would be Human Rights Issues In the News - short News splash on something that caught our attention in relation to human rights.

Another thing we can do when there is a critical issue - any one of us can call for a special meeting to address a critical issue. If something critical comes up, within 48 hours, we are meeting about it.

Around communication: more outward information about the JHRC, how we are different from the SRRC, what we do and have to offer in messaging, and the resource list for those who reach out so that we have something to offer versus nothing.

Can we start working to create a list of the different groups in town and what it is that they do. We can identify the resources linked to the issues we have and right away link to the group to find out what they can do in relation to the subject.

Legislative information office? In Sitka, groups trying to help support homelessness amplified the list or expand the list. Mary will do research to see if a list exists. After schools programs list - Zach Gordon Youth Center or Rock Juneau might have that list.

What else would be good to plan for and have in place? Utilizing Lisa Phu for messaging. If you send them what you want to go out, they can create a social media post that they send out. Angel will work with Lisa and Emily for presenting JHRC messaging.

Can we find a way to have community weigh-in? There is a difference between making ourselves present in regard to critical and on time issues, and acting on them. We have boundaries to our actions as a commission. But if we focus on the issues and the community knows that we're present and we can bring in the other resources. We can help build a coalition around an issue on an emergency basis, then we move on to do the processes that we need to do to get the assembly to act on it.

Frameworks set in place to gather information from the community - Mary's comment regarding things done in Sitka for outreach that worked for her. Start the May 5 meeting with her comment.

Thinking about outreach action and activities done both electronically and face to face. Other ideas for critical, on time issues for how to act and demonstrate our connection to the issue, we will discuss.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a.

### IV. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

a. May 5, 2021 - 5:00pm- 6:30pm-This will be in meeting format vs. webinar

Zoom link for May 5:

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/93475673655?pwd=VjJoUnJkakZka3hOQ3F6M1p1Qmltdz09>

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### V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. N/A

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

a. Meeting closed at 6:31pm