

MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
May 25, 2021 5:00-6:00 PM

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- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL @ 5:07 pm
 - a. Present: Haifa Sadighi, Ibn Bailey, Britta Tonnessen, and Mary Wegner with support from Di Cathcart
 - b. Also Present: Leslie Ishii from Perseverance Theatre and Maria Gladziszewski
 - c. Absent: Angel Collins

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. May 11, 2021 minutes

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a. Perseverance Theatre Artistic Director Leslie Ishii - In recognition of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
 - i. Japanese heritage with family members who were mass incarcerated during WWII
 - ii. Rise in anti-Asian overt hate crimes since COVID-19 surfaced long-standing racism in America
 - iii. Raised as a community-builder and community-activist that grew out of the internment camp experience of family members
 - iv. Chinese Exclusion Act prohibited employment opportunities, policies that limit the ability for women to come over and control over children, and anti-meccanization laws were designed to socially control the Asian population
 - v. Current anti-Asian violence and overt discrimination is not new
 - vi. Surveillance and policing create the systemic nature of the discrimination and enslavement/social control practices
 - vii. Stories help communities heal after community trauma – we live the historical trauma experienced by previous generations
 - viii. Experiential nature of the theatre helps us learn from the stories and take those learnings into our heart
 - ix. Tsuru for Solidarity is a social justice organization for Asian Americans that is working to close the detention centers and preserve sacred lands
 - x. Children separation was part of the detention centers during WWII so this is not new

- xi. Dr. Satsuki Ina with Tsuru For Solidarity: Captivity Trauma = specific traumas of being imprisoned
- xii. Not being able to escape racism manifests like Captivity Trauma
- xiii. Why we must become anti-racist, as the systemic nature crosses many ethnicities and will take all of us to change
- xiv. Stop AAPI website is a place where you can report hate crime incidents
- xv. Discussion occurred regarding information shared by Leslie

b. 2020 - 2021 Annual Report

c. Community Event (report from Mary and Angel)

d. Decide on presentation from UN Rep (Haifa's guest)

e. Report from Ibn concerning reaching out to Juneau community groups to see if they would be willing to speak at JHRC meetings.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Nancy G asked a question

V. UPCOMING MEETING DATE

a. June 8, 2021 – last chance to review the Annual Report before the due date

VI. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:00 pm

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