

MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
November 16, 2021

AGENDA:

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm
 - a. Present: Aidan Key, Angel Collins, Emily Mesch, Haifa Sadighi, and Mary Wegner
 - b. Absent: Ibn Bailey and Summer Christianson
 - c. Support: None

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Meeting and Minutes of the November 5, 2021 Special Meeting - postponed to December meeting

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by consensus.
 - a. Town Hall Conversations:
 - i. Anti-Semitism Town Hall - December 6th:
 1. Emily is still working on confirming speaker participation, Gidon Lev and Julie Gray, for the date identified. Representatives from the Congregation Sukkat Shalom will also be involved in presenting information. Senator Kiehl will be invited to serve as a moderator for the town hall. Haifa will use our invitation template to formally invite Senator Kiehl and Emily will also reach out to him through less formal channels. The event will be held in Zoom.
 2. Emily will write up a PSA that will go through the established process to be publicized through the CBJ channels. Haifa will research costs and considerations for radio and newspaper advertising. Emily will draft print and radio ads. We will build a template for advertising that can be used for future town hall events, and will approve the advertisement at a special meeting on Sunday, 11/21 at 10:00 am.
 - ii. Transgender Town Hall - January/February: Topic is transgender and gender diverse individuals in Juneau focusing on K-12 students. The event will start with some questions to gather information from the participants, and then Aidan will share some information on the topic. Then we will invite questions from the participants. Goal is to demystify, as well as consider needs associated with supporting students. Mary will work with Di to find some good date options for when the Zoom will be available.
 - b. Training for JHRC Members: We are still searching for good training options. Angel found some; however, they were more for awareness of issues rather than training for us. Emily proposed we look at local organizations, such as Sealaska Heritage Institute, to see if they can provide training for us around human rights issues within their population. Training may also turn into topics for town halls to

engage the broader community, as well as help inform recommendations to the Assembly. Angel reminded us about our interest in conducting a survey to gather information from the community about what is needed for training and community discussions. It was noted that we have a need for a virtual presence other than our website that houses agendas and minutes. CBJ has a Survey Monkey account. The survey could be associated with an event or could be crowdsourced in another way. Mary will invite Kristen Daniels from CatapultEd to our December meeting to share about this crowdsourcing resource.

- c. Calendar - Moved to December 21, 2021 meeting
- d. Strategic Plan/Action Plan Continuation - Moved to December 21, 2021 meeting

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. At different points in our meeting we had up to four people from the public attend our meeting; however, no one was on when we arrived at this point in the agenda.

V. UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- a. November 21, 2021 from 10:00-10:30 am Special Meeting re: Anti-Semitism
Town Hall advertising
- b. December 21, 2021 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm