

MINUTES  
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA  
December 21, 2021

**AGENDA:**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:11 pm
  - a. Present: Aidan Key, Angel Collins, Emily Mesch, and Mary Wegner
  - b. Absent: Haifa Sadighi and Ibn Bailey
  - c. Support: None
  
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Angel moved to approve the November 16 and November 24 Minutes. Approved by consensus.
  - a. Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Meeting - Tabled
  - b. Minutes of the November 5, 2021 Special Meeting -Tabled
  - c. Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Meeting
  - d. Minutes of the November 24, 2021 Special Meeting
  
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Angel moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Approved by consensus.
  - a. Training for JHRC Members: Crowdsourcing with Kristen Daniels from CatapultEd – Kristen was set to come; however, Mary didn't get the zoom link to her in time for tonight, so this will be rescheduled.
  - b. Request to Attend the Juneau Human Resources Committee to discuss our memos:
    - i. Of the date options, January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, or February 28<sup>th</sup>, we selected February 28<sup>th</sup> as the date we will meet with them
    - ii. Emily will let Di know our date selection.
  - c. Town Hall Conversations
    - i. Anti-Semitism Town Hall:
      1. Moderator/Speakers:
        - a. Invitation for Senator Kiehl to be the Moderator (Haifa)
        - b. Speakers Gidon Lev and Julie Gray (Emily)
        - c. Congregation Sukkot Shalom (Emily)
        - d. Discussion: There are 11 hours difference in time zones between us and the speakers, which is creating a barrier. Idea was to have a recorded sharing with speakers Gidon Lev and Julie Gray, with perhaps 2 of us, Haifa and Emily, engaging in discussion with the speakers. The video would be played at the beginning of the Town Hall, and then have a moderator, Senator Kiehl, facilitate a discussion with community participants with Emily as the main support person. Emily will work with the speakers to see if this works for them. Discussion was to hold this one in February and have the Transgender one in January.

2. Advertising:

- a. PSA, Print and Radio Ads (Angel and Emily) – Angel and Emily will meet this week and we will hold a Special Meeting to approve the advertising on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-5:30 pm. Angel will work with Di and Ibn on the date of the Special Meeting. Aidan will provide a brief description to share with Angel and Emily for January’s event. Events may be Town Halls or Discussions.
- b. Advertising Template (Angel and Emily)
- c. Advertising Costs (Haifa)
- d. Discussion: We decided to schedule January, February, and March Town Hall dates.
  - i. Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm: Transgender with Aidan Key as speaker (note: JHRC meeting will be from 5-6 pm)
  - ii. Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7:30 pm: Anti-Semitism with Gidon Lev and Julie Gray as speakers (Emily is lead in arranging speakers)
  - iii. March from 6-7:30 pm: Women’s History Month with ANB/ANS as speakers (Angel is lead in arranging speakers and will off them either Tuesday or Wednesday in March and see what date works best for them. If they pick Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, then we will hold our JHRC meeting from 5-6 pm.)
  - iv. Since we are missing Black History Month in February, we will try to focus on Juneteenth instead.

d. Calendar:

- i. Good dates/weeks input from Di:
  1. Week of 1/17
  2. Week of 1/24 except for Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>
  3. February: No Monday’s and not the first Wednesday
  4. Starting in March: No Monday’s
- ii. Possible Town Hall Themes and Guest Speakers:
  1. January: Poverty in America Awareness Month
  2. February:
    - a. Black History Month
    - b. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
    - c. February 20<sup>th</sup> is World Day of Social Justice
  3. March:
    - a. Women’s History Month
    - b. Gender Equality Month
    - c. March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women’s Day
  4. April:
    - a. Arab American Heritage Month
    - b. Autism Awareness Month
    - c. April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> is Holocaust Remembrance Day

5. May:
- a. National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
  - b. Haitian Heritage Month
  - c. Indian Heritage Month
  - d. South Asian Heritage Month
  - e. Speech and Hearing Awareness Month
  - f. May 21<sup>st</sup> is World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
6. June:
- a. National Caribbean American Heritage Month
  - b. AIDS Awareness Month
  - c. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month
  - d. June 8<sup>th</sup> is Race Unity Day
  - e. June 19<sup>th</sup> is Juneteenth
7. July: July 26<sup>th</sup> is Americans with Disabilities Act Signed “Disability Independence Day”
8. August: National Civility Month
9. September: Hispanic Heritage Month
10. October:
- a. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History Month
  - b. Down Syndrome Awareness Month
11. November:
- a. National American Indian Heritage Month
  - b. National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month
12. December:
- a. Universal Human Rights Month
  - b. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is International Day for People with Disability
  - c. December 10<sup>th</sup> is International Human Rights Day
- e. Strategic Plan/Action Plan Continuation – Tabled to January

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. There were no members from the public present at the meeting.

V. UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- a. Special Meeting December 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-5:30 pm
- b. January 18, 2022 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT: We adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.