

MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
APRIL 19, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.
 - a. Present: Aidan Key, Emily Mesch, Haifa Sadighi, Lance Mitchell, Mallory Nash, and Mary Wegner
 - b. Absent:
 - c. Support: Beth McEwen

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by consensus.
 - a. Minutes of the April 5, 2022 Meeting

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a. Welcome to New Members of the Juneau Human Rights Commission: We welcomed Mallory to the Commission and introduced ourselves.
 - b. Schedule Summer JHRC Meetings: We discussed taking the summer off after our June 7, 2022 meeting, as we historically do, and then will start up again on September 6, 2022. Aidan shared that he has a book deadline in May and will miss both of our May meetings, which we agreed would be excused absences.
 - c. Letter to Assembly re: Financial Support for Sponsor Circles to Welcome Afghan Refugees in Juneau: As we discussed at our last meeting, Haifa and Mary drafted a letter to the Mayor and Assembly, and we discussed, finalized, and approved the letter during the meeting. Beth shared the schedule of when the Assembly will discuss the budget. The Assembly will be taking testimony on the budget starting at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 25, 2022. Since our Afghan Refugee Sponsor Circle letter has a fiscal note attached to it, Haifa will provide testimony to the Assembly at the Monday meeting, and any of the Commission members can participate in support of Haifa's testimony.
 - d. Celebrating Black History Month 2023 Ideas: Tabled to May 3, 2022 meeting. Lance will invite Sherry Patterson from the Juneau Black Awareness Association to our next meeting. Ideas generated from our February 23, 2022 meeting:
 - i. Movie Showcase in partnership with the Alaska Black Caucus
 - ii. Moderated Book Study in partnership with the Alaska Black Caucus and the Juneau Education Association's Ed Excellence program
 - iii. Focus on the celebration of American history and a celebration of the human race
 - iv. City Museum display
 - v. Poetry Slam with food
 - vi. Encourage development of an original play by a local theatre group
 - e. Community Engagement Plan Development: Tabled to May 17, 2022 meeting; however, we discussed and agreed that Haifa should share an overview of this project and give the Assembly a heads-up that there will be a fiscal note attached to when she testifies to the City Assembly on Monday, April 25, 2022.

- f. Town Hall Planning: On hold
 - i. Transgender Town Hall

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public was present at tonight's meeting.

- V. UPCOMING MEETING DATES
 - a. May 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm
 - b. May 17, 2022 at 5:00 pm
 - c. June 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm
 - d. September 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm

- VI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.