

MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
NOVEMBER 21, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.
 - a. Present: Haifa Foroughi, Emily Mesch, Lance Mitchell, and Mary Wegner
 - b. Absent: Paula Drake, John Drips, and Camille Mauch
 - c. Support: N/A
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of the October 3, 2023 Meeting: The Minutes were approved by consensus.
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No public were present.
- V. AGENDA
 1. Standing Agenda Topics:
 - a. FY25 Budget:
 - 1) Treasurer Report: Nothing to report at this time.
 - 2) Community Engagement Project: We discussed options for how best to move forward with our project so we are prepared for the FY25 budget development process. Emily, Haifa, and Mary will meet to review the project plan and prepare a recommendation for the JHRC to review.
 - b. Transgender Town Hall: Haifa and Emily met with Aidan to debrief the event. Aidan was concerned with some of the online Facebook comments that were threatening him personally with violence. For future events we will consider topic by topic whether or not to advertise for the event on the CJB Facebook page to avoid having threatening comments made against the townhall presenters, as municipalities do not have the ability to limit public comments. Other avenues of advertising may have the ability to limit public comments and may be preferable options given that the topics of our townhalls are likely to be controversial in nature. Also, we discussed considering event by event as to whether or not we have the capacity to add an online component.
 - c. Celebrating Black History Month 2024 - Alaska Black Business Expo: The Expo will be held at the JAHF on February 17, 2024 and will have guest speakers, vendor booths, and workshops. The event is sponsored by the Juneau Black Awareness Association. We will have a table and we have been asked to help promote the event. Lance has been working with Jasmine Smith on the details. We also have the option to offer a workshop and Haifa suggested a speaker who can address economic equity. She will locate the name of the person she is thinking about so we can see if that would be an option to offer as a workshop topic.
 2. Alaska Native Heritage Month in November: We will add this to our Strategic Plan to make this an annual activity of our Commission.

3. Resolution in Honor of Rosalee Walker: Haifa has prepared a draft resolution that is almost ready for us to review and finalize. Haifa will email us the draft so we can review it prior to our next meeting in the hopes that we can finalize it at that time.
4. Strategic Plan 2023-24: Tabled until we have more members present.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public were present

II. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- a. December 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- b. December 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- c. January 16, 2024 at 5:00 pm
- d. Note: We will not hold a meeting on January 2, 2024.

III. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.