

DRAFT MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
DECEMBER 19, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.
 - a. Present: John Drips, Haifa Foroughi, Emily Mesch, Lance Mitchell, and Mary Wegner
 - b. Absent: Paula Drake and Camille Mauch
 - c. Support: N/A
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: John moved that the Agenda be approved by unanimous consent. Approved.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of the December 5, 2023, Meeting: John moved that the Minutes be approved by unanimous consent. Approved.
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A member of the public was present but did not choose to speak.
- V. AGENDA
 1. Standing Agenda Topics:
 - a. FY25 Budget:
 - 1) Treasurer Report: There has been no budgetary action since the last meeting.
 - 2) Community Engagement Project: Emily, Haifa, and Mary have not yet met to review the project plan and prepare a recommendation for the JHRC.
 - b. Town Halls: We discussed a need to identify a process to select townhall topics; however, nothing was finalized at this time.
 - c. Celebrating Black History Month 2024 - Alaska Black Business Expo: The Expo will be held at the JAHC 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 and there are several speakers already lined up. Haifa will invite Amy Skilbred, Executive Director of the Juneau Community Foundation, to be a speaker to address access to economic equity. Lance and Mary will work on developing a presentation to talk about the Universal Declaration of Equal Rights.
 - d. Celebrating Alaska Native Heritage Month 2024: John and Lance will work on ideas for this event.
 2. Resolution in Honor of Rosalee Walker: Haifa shared a draft resolution to honor Rosalee Walker. We edited the draft and added relevant information. Haifa will revise the document and bring it back for final review.
 3. Strategic Plan 2024: A 2-hour work session/meeting with 90 minutes to focus on the Strategic Plan and 30 minutes to finalize plans for the Alaska Black Business Expo will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We hope to

meet at the Valley Library, and Lance will check on the availability. The work session/meeting will replace our planned January 16, 2024, meeting. Haifa will connect with an experienced facilitator to see if they are willing to lead the work session and will check on the availability of a stipend to compensate the facilitator.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public were present at this point in the meeting.
- II. UPCOMING MEETING DATES
 - a. Note: We will not hold a meeting on January 2, 2024, or January 16, 2024.
 - b. Work Session/Meeting January 20, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at a location TBD.
 - c. February 6, 2024, at 5:00 pm via Zoom.
 - d. February 20, 2024, at 5:00 pm via Zoom.
- III. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.