

DRAFT MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
October 3, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.
 - a. Present: Paula Drake, John Drips, Haifa Foroughi, and Mary Wegner
 - b. Absent: Camille Mauch, Emily Mesch, and Lance Mitchell
 - c. Support: N/A
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Meeting: The Minutes were approved by consensus.
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Two members of the public were present. No one chose to speak at this time.
- V. AGENDA
 1. Standing Agenda Topics:
 - a. FY25 Budget:
 - 1) Treasurer Report: We owe \$60 for the Transgender Town Hall event. Haifa will submit an invoice to our Treasurer, Emily, for processing.
 - 2) Community Engagement Project: We provided an overview of the project to Paula and John who are new members. Haifa will work with Di to better understand what questions and concerns were noted during the discussion with the Human Resources Committee and then we will re-work our plan.
 - b. Transgender Town Hall: Our Transgender Town Hall was held on September 28, 2023. Haifa thanked everyone who worked to deliver this opportunity to the community. There were 35 people in attendance at the event and there were 17 people in the zoom. There was a mix-up with the time of our event, as we planned to have our event from 6:30-8:30 pm; however, the Downtown Library closes at 8:00 pm. Consequently, at 8:00 pm the lights and internet went down, which left the people on zoom unable to get their questions answered or offer comments, and it all happened with no warning. We discussed the possibility of writing a Letter to the Editor thanking people for attending and thanking Aidan, apologizing for the mix-up with the time of the event and the hours of the library, and then addressing the unanswered questions and comments.
 - c. Celebrating Black History Month 2024 - Alaska Black Business Expo: The Expo will have guest speakers, vendor booths, and workshops and will be held on February 24, 2024 in partnership with the Juneau Black Awareness Association. The request is to offer a workshop session, person a booth, and assist with advertising. Lance will clarify with Jasmine Smith regarding the topic of our workshop. No new information at this time.

2. Resolution in Honor of Rosalee Walker: Haifa has been in communication with Ibn Baily to get information for the resolution. Haifa will draft a resolution for us to review and finalize.
 3. Strategic Plan 2023-24: Given that three of our members are not with us tonight, we were unable to assign responsibilities.
 4. Update on Draft Resolution on Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index: Awaiting Law Department review.
- I. PUBLIC COMMENT: Aaron Sprat attended the Town Hall zoom and was frustrated with the technical situation. The way it occurred it felt like an intentional stifling of public input. It was an opportunity lost and he wanted to register his frustration. He did not have any specific questions that went unanswered but was frustrated that the public did not get to hear the discourse between community members due to the sudden ending of the event.
- II. UPCOMING MEETING DATES
- a. October 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm
 - b. November 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm
 - c. November 21, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- III. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.