DRAFT MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
MARCH 7, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.

a. Present: Camille Mauch, Emily Mesch, Haifa Foroughi, Lance Mitchell, and Mary Wegner
b. Absent: Paula Drake
c. Support: None

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved by consensus.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Meeting: The Minutes were approved by consensus.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No public were present.

V. AGENDA
a. Celebrating Black History Month 2023: Our event was held on Saturday, March 4th from 4:00-6:30 pm at Gold Town Nickelodeon Theatre. Lance's play titled *Opportunity and Justice for All* was shared in a reading format, and afterwards we showed the movie *Glory*. A promotional flyer was created, and Lance promoted the event on two local radio stations. We had a decent turnout even though it was a sunny Saturday afternoon although not everyone stayed for the whole time. We shared our comments about the event, and agreed that the reading format for the play was powerful and appropriate for the setting.

Next year we talked about launching Black History Month instead of holding our event at the end of the month, and perhaps showing a documentary highlighting an artist, such as Jean-Michel Basquiat, instead of showing a feature-length movie. We also talked about having the JHRC members do the reading to remove the burden of finding people to read the play.

b. Alaska Human Rights Commission Meeting: Haifa and Emily were able to attend the meeting of the Alaska Human Rights Commission that was held in Juneau on February 22, 2023. Emily asked a few questions of the Commission, one of which was related to the removal of LGBTQ protections outside of the workplace. After the meeting, Emily was contacted by the media for an interview on the topic, which was recently published.

c. Draft Resolution on Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index regarding the areas noted for improvement: Camille, Emily, and Haifa will work on drafting something for the JHRC to review. There is nothing new to report at this meeting.

a. Strategic Plan 2022-23: Not discussed at this meeting, as Paula was unable to join us for tonight's meeting. When Camille, Emily, and Haifa meet to talk about the Draft Resolution they will also review the Strategic Plan to get Camille's input on areas where she would like to take on a leadership role in the activities.

b. Town Hall Planning: Haifa and Aidan Key have been in communication about scheduling a Transgender Town Hall. Aidan identified either summer or fall as a good timeframe, and we discussed holding the event sometime between September 18th to 29th (except Yom Kippur) with the final date left to Aidan. Emily will be the lead from JHRC working with Aidan on advertising the event on the radio.

c. Support Ukrainian Refugees Through a Fundraising Dance Performance: JHRC is unable to support fund-raising events given that we are a City commission. Mary will reach out to members of the Sponsor Circle in Juneau who are supporting a Ukrainian family to see if needs have surfaced where we might be able to provide non-financial support. Mary will also enquire about whether or not a second family is in town. Camille will work with Mary on this project.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public was present.

VII. UPCOMING MEETING DATES
a. March 21, 2023 at 5:00 pm
b. April 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm
c. April 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm

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