

DRAFT MINUTES  
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.
  - a. Present: John Drips, Haifa Foroughi, Lance Mitchell, and Mary Wegner
  - b. Absent: Paula Drake, Camille Mauch, and Emily Mesch
  - c. Support: N/A
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. Minutes of the May 16, 2023 Meeting: The Minutes were approved by consensus.
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No public was present.
- V. AGENDA
  1. Welcome to new commission member John Drips: We welcomed John to the JHRC.
  2. Standing Agenda Topics:
    - a. FY25 Budget Proposal:
      - 1) Treasurer Report: Lance reported that Gold Town Nickelodeon still has not been paid for our Black History Month event last February. Haifa will follow up with Emily about the payment.
      - 2) Community Engagement Project Report: The window to apply for funding for FY25 has closed. Our request was not presented to the Assembly for consideration, as we are still awaiting one of the consultants to submit an invoice to close out the planning process from last year.
    - b. Transgender Town Hall: Our Transgender Town Hall will be held on September 28, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Downtown Library. We finalized the flyer. Lance secured the location and will send the flyer to the radio stations. Mary will work with Aidan to schedule radio interview(s).
    - c. Celebrating Black History Month 2024: Lance spoke with Jasmine Smith who suggested that we partner with the Alaska Black Business Expo that has a mission to support the growth and development of businesses of color. The Expo will have guest speakers, vendor booths, and workshops and will be held on February 24, 2024. The Expo will be offered 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 follow-up with Jasmine to clarify the workshop topic to make sure it aligns with our mission.
    - d. Support Ukrainian Refugees: An August 18, 2023 communication to the Assembly from the people involved in the Sponsor Circles shared that the first three families are independent or well on their way to independence, and that a third sponsor circle is supporting a fourth family arriving in Juneau in late August/early September. JHRC is not needed to provide support at this time.

3. Update on Draft Resolution on Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index: Haifa and Emily presented the draft resolution to the Human Resources Committee on July 10, 2023 who suggested that the resolution be forwarded to the CBJ Law Department for review. Appreciation was shared for the draft resolution.
4. Update on Annual Report: Haifa and Emily presented our Annual Report to the Human Resources Committee on July 10, 2023. No further action is needed.
5. Strategic Plan 2022-23: Since we are already into September of 2023, we decided to rename our planning document to reflect the 2023-24 years. We will wait to assign responsibilities until we have all members able to provide input re: their interests.
6. Resolution in Honor of Rosalee Walker: Lance spoke with Ibn Bailey who shared that Dr. Worl from SHI is willing to support a resolution and that Senator Kiehl has previously made statements in support of a resolution. Ibn will share details with Lance. JHRC will draft a resolution once we have some facts to include, which will need to be done ASAP.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public was present.

II. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- a. September 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- b. October 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- c. October 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm

III. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.