MINUTES
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
MAY 2, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 pm.

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval for the Agenda was moved by Mary and approved by consensus.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Meeting: Approval of the April 18, 2023 Minutes was moved by Lance and approved by consensus.

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

V. AGENDA
1. Standing Agenda Topics:
   a. FY25 Budget Proposal:
      1) Treasurer Report: No update to report.
      2) Community Engagement Project Report: Forms are ready to be submitted to Beth at CBJ. CatapultEd has submitted documents but nothing yet from IIRP. Emily, as our Treasurer, will submit the forms to Beth.
   b. Transgender Town Hall Planning: Our Transgender Town Hall will be held on September 28, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The Mendenhall Valley Public Library only books 8-weeks ahead, so Mary will see if the Egan Library is available. We worked on the revision of the flyer provided by Aidan, and Mary will turn it into a flyer that we can distribute.
   c. Celebrating Black History Month 2024: No update to report.
   d. Support Ukrainian Refugees: No update to report.
   e. JHRC Meetings:
      - Meeting in the Summer: Typically, we do not meet in the summer months due to lack of quorum with summer travel plans; however, there has been some interest in meeting to continue work on our projects. We discussed whether or not to meet in the summer and decided to meet once on July 18th.
      - Meeting in Person or via Zoom: Some of our members have difficulty connecting via zoom and others would not be able to participate if not able to participate through zoom. We decided to have hybrid meetings and use conference room 224 at City Hall and also have a zoom connection for our meetings; room 224 has zoom conference capabilities. Mary will let Di know to schedule the conference room. Training in the equipment will be needed for Paula and anyone else we think will be participating from City Hall.

f. Annual Report: Since we are meeting in July, Mary will pull together a draft of an Annual Report that we will add to the July meeting date.

2. Draft Resolution on Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index regarding the areas noted for improvement:

   Section 1. Upon adopting this resolution, the Assembly:

   D. Will explore options to provide resources and support to JHRC for the purposes of addressing individual cases ~~and LGBTQ~~ of discrimination brought by Juneau residents.

   We discussed removing specific language regarding the LGBTQ population when considering individual cases of discrimination brought forward by Juneau residents. If we find that cases brought to us exceed our scope, then we can discuss whether or not to request an extension of our charter to meet the identified needs.

3. Strategic Plan 2022-23: Not discussed at this meeting.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public were present.

II. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

a. May 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm
b. June 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm
c. June 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm
d. July 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm

III. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.